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Of The
Town of Braintree
MASSACHUSETTS

For The Year

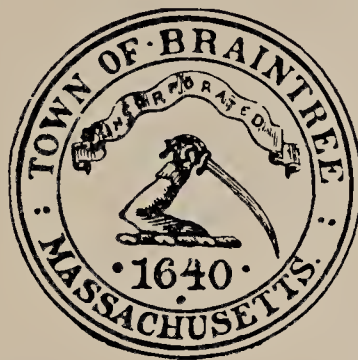
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ANNUAL REPORT

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THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE

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For The Year

1954

Town Officers, 1954

Moderator

E. Curtis Mower, Jr., 1955

Town Clerk

Ernest C. Woodsum, 1955

Town Treasurer

John W. Harding, 1955

Selectmen

John W. Mahar, Chairman, 1956

Herbert B. Hollis, Clerk, 1957

Fred A. Tenney, 1955

Board of Public Welfare

Harrison T. Smiley, Chairman, 1956

Fred A. Tenney, Clerk, 1955

Herbert B. Hollis, 1957

Assessors

Norris H. Pinault, Chairman, 1955

Chester W. Nelson, Clerk, 1957

Arthur E. Boynton, 1956

Water Commissioners

Thomas E. Sears, Chairman, 1955

Willard P. Sheppard, 1956

Joseph Landers, 1957

School Committee

Ovidio D. Chiesa, Chairman, 1956

Almeda Walker Cain, Secretary, 1955

Charles W. Baldwin, 1955

Roger W. Arnold 1957

James L. Jordan, 1956

Robert J. Barrett, 1957

Municipal Lighting Board

Norton P. Potter, Chairman, 1956

Frank P. Lord, Secretary, 1955

Shelley A. Neal, 1957

Board of Parks and Playgrounds Commissioners

George F. Leben, Chairman, 1955

Edgar L. Copp 1955

Earl C. Hollis

1956

William G. Dyer 1955

George H. Snyder, Jr.

1956

Elmer E. Raymond 1955

Harry F. Vinton, Jr.

1957

Sewer Commissioners

Bernard R. Andrews, Chairman, 1957

Charles C. Temple, 1955

Earl D. Gilliatt, 1956

Board of Health

B. Joseph Rizzo, Chairman, 1955

Harrison T. Smiley, Clerk, 1957

John J. Atkinson, 1956

Collector of Taxes

George H. Gerrior, Jr., 1955

Tree Warden

John F. Leetch, 1955

Planning Board

Joseph M. Magaldi, Chairman, 1959
John J. Drinkwater, Town Engineer, Ex-officio, Retired
Ralph M. Soule, Clerk 1955 Edward J. Rose 1957
Mitchell W. Gawlowicz 1956 William G. Dyer 1958

Braintree Housing Authority

Ernest J. Janssen, Chairman, 1958
William H. Gustafson, Vice Chairman, 1956
(John E. Maloney, Treasurer, 1956)
(Appointed by State Housing Board)
Paul P. Foley, Asst. Treasurer, 1959
Carl R. Johnson, Jr., 1955
Harold C. Pearl, Secretary, Ex-officio—Appointed

Trustees of Thayer Public Library

Stacy B. Southworth, Chairman, Life Member
Gordon W. Bryant, Life Member Ralph B. Woodsum, Life Member
Mabel S. Rogers, 1956 Clara G. Wetherbee, 1956

Trustees of School Fund

H. Irving Charnock, Chairman, 1955
Otis B. Oakman, Jr., Clerk, 1955 Louis J. Trojano 1955
Robert P. Gray 1955 Carroll D. Welch 1955
Charles G. Jordan 1955 Harry S. Williams 1955

Contributory Retirement Board

Ralph W. Maglathlin, Chairman
Albert E. Wynot, Clerk Jonathan W. French

Measures of Wood and Weighers of Hay

Florence K. Weston
Matthew McCusker George A. Williams

Measurers of Lumber

John C. Pafford
Shelley A. Neal Daniel A. Maloney

OUR NATIONAL STATE AND COUNTY OFFICERS

United States Senate

Senator Leverett Saltonstall Senator John F. Kennedy

United States House of Representatives

Congressman Richard B. Wigglesworth

Massachusetts Legislature

Senator Charles W. Hedges Representative Chester W. Nelson
Representative John L. Gallant Representative Herbert B. Hollis

Governor's Council

Councillor Charles J. Gabriel

Norfolk County Commissioners

Frederick A. Leavitt, Chairman, 1955
Russell T. Bates, 1957 Clayton W. Nash, 1957

Town Meeting Members

Precinct 1

John Alden	1955	George L. Novelline	1956
Frank Basile	1955	John F. O'Rourke	1956
George H. Cain	1955	H. Winthrop S. Roberts, Jr.	1956
John A. Cassidy	1955	Cornelius L. Sullivan	1956
H. Irving Charnock	1955	Elizabeth White	1956
Joseph F. Connelly	1955	Ira R. Young	1956
Elmer G. Derby	1955	Albert Avitabile	1957
Earl R. Grant	1955	Almeda Walker Cain	1957
John F. Leetch	1955	William H. Colligan	1957
Earl A. Prario	1955	Kenneth G. Dyer	1957
Merton L. Pratt	1955	Ernest J. Janssen	1957
Daniel W. Schluter	1955	Carl R. Johnson, Jr.	1957
Harry T. Sears	1955	Carl W. R. Johnson	1957
J. Dudley Gannon	1956	Albert R. Klay	1957
Walter Hennessey	1956	Joseph M. Magaldi	1957
Robert G. Hobart	1956	Nahum R. Pillsbury	1957
Donald J. Laing	1956	Ernest S. Reynolds	1957
Henry C. Lake	1956	Stanley H. Richards	1957
Walter H. Loud, Jr.	1956	Whitney Withington	1957
Arthur H. McGibbon	1956		

Precinct 2

J. Paul Benson	1955	Nelson A. Haviland	1956
John R. Dallinger	1955	Earl C. Hollis	1956
Arthur L. Hale	1955	Frederick J. Klay	1956
Leo J. Hart, Jr.	1955	Carl J. Knutson	1956
Frank E. Hull	1955	Edward P. Long	1956
Knute Ingmanson	1955	Richard L. McMaster	1956
Joseph Landers	1955	Archie T. Morrison	1956
Joseph C. Landrey	1955	Felix H. Atkinson	1957
Waldo E. Niles	1955	J. Warren Cuff	1957
Harrison T. Smiley	1955	A. Wendell Drollett, Jr.	1957
Stacy B. Southworth	1955	William D. Ewing	1957
Gordon O. Thayer	1955	Donald M. Jordan	1957
John Q. Wentworth	1955	Arthur F. Lucas, Jr.	1957
George T. Woodsum	1955	Donald B. MacMillan	1957
Harvey J. Annis	1956	Robert W. Matthews	1957
Robert J. Barrett	1956	N. Eric Nelson	1957
Warren K. Boynton	1956	George C. Newcomb	1957
Walter M. Brock	1956	Norton P. Potter	1957
Chester W. Daily	1956	Russell B. Rae (deceased)	1957
Raymond V. Coppens	1956	B. Joseph Rizzo	1957
Mathias A. Gorham	1956	James V. Tedesco	1957

Precinct 3

Alfred W. Beck	1955	Eldwin L. Emerson	1956
Gordon L. F. Belyea	1955	Leo J. Hart	1956
Roland G. Belyea	1955	James L. Jordan	1956
Earle S. Buckman	1955	Charles W. Mann	1956
Charles M. Copeland	1955	Will R. Minchin	1956
Mary T. Ellis	1955	Lucius A. Qualey	1956
William J. Hayden	1955	Ruth W. Shuster	1956

Richard A. Hunt	1955	A. William Albert	1957
William F. Lammers	1955	Chester A. Belyea	1957
Arthur W. Moffatt	1955	Sophie G. Blunt	1957
Otis B. Oakman, Jr.	1955	William J. Connell	1957
Hugh B. Snow	1955	Henry G. Galebach	1957
Howard C. White	1955	Kenneth N. Gould	1957
Austin E. Wynot	1955	Herbert B. Hollis	1957
Marjorie Bates	1956	Shelley A. Neal	1957
William B. Belcher	1956	Mortimer N. Peck	1957
William G. Brooks	1956	Samuel H. Ripley	1957
Gordon W. Bryant	1956	George A. Shortle	1957
Joseph A. Carson	1956	George E. Warren	1957
Edgar L. Copp	1956	Albert E. Wynot	1957
Charles D. Curtis, Jr.	1956	Harold G. Wynot	1957

Precinct 4

George R. Allen	1955	Frank J. Kenna	1956
Arthur E. Boynton	1955	Roger J. Leonard	1956
Francis S. Carter	1955	William H. Low	1956
Ovidio D. Chiesa	1955	Thomas H. Matthews	1956
Richard W. Farnsworth	1955	William J. Stevenson	1956
William H. Gustafson	1955	Laurence A. Trainor	1956
E. Harrison Keith	1955	Gordon E. Trask	1956
John W. Mahar	1955	Mary Beatrice Arnold	1957
J. Stanley McLaughlin	1955	Roger W. Arnold	1957
Walter E. Morrison	1955	Gilbert L. Bean	1957
Harold F. Robinson	1955	Ernst G. Becker	1957
Robert J. Stalker	1955	A. Winton Caird	1957
Hiram C. Towne	1955	Harold W. Cairns	1957
Calvin E. Young	1955	Lee Cisneros	1957
Arthur R. Benson	1956	Herbert J. Eno	1957
J. Frank Dings	1956	Matthew W. Hanscom	1957
Margaret E. Duffee	1956	John G. Hedman	1957
Chester O. Ellis	1956	Lillian E. Kilham	1957
Allen C. Emery, Jr.	1956	Frank T. Maguire	1957
F. Howard Hallett	1956	Charles C. Parker	1957
Thomas R. Huleatt	1956	Seward W. Taber	1957

Precinct 5

Herbert J. Albee	1955	George W. Lunn	1956
Raymond E. Bean	1955	Paul E. Maxham	1956
Everett A. Buker, Jr.	1955	John L. McDonnell	1956
William J. Burns	1955	Ramon A. Nagle	1956
Robert M. Hutton	1955	Richard W. Troup	1956
William T. Kendrick	1955	Harold R. Walsh	1956
E. Theodore Nokes	1955	Charles F. Abell	1957
William A. Reed	1955	Carl H. Bjorkman	1957
Albert L. Rice	1955	Everett A. Buker	1957
Percy T. Richards	1955	Thomas F. Cassidy	1957
Simon B. Rideout	1955	Henry J. Diotte	1957
W. Edwin Skinner	1955	Dorothy M. Hennebury	1957
William B. Taylor	1955	G. Vinton Jones	1957
Edward D. Cahill	1956	Charles W. King, Jr.	1957
Henry A. Cohoon	1956	Frank P. Lord	1957
Joseph P. Cassidy	1956	Harvey G. Lyons, Jr.	1957
Philip S. Dexter, Jr.	1956	Daniel A. Maloney	1957

George W. Garland	1956	Alexander Mitchelson	1957
Jerome V. Johnson	1956	Sidney B. Tinson	1957
Charles G. Jordan	1956		

Precinct 6

John J. Canavan	1955	John F. Harkin	1956
William R. Cline	1955	William J. Irwin	1956
Richard A. Hirtle	1955	Ruby Keigan	1956
Wilbert T. Levangie	1955	Margaret C. Palmer	1956
George A. Lydon	1955	Natalie H. Stovold	1956
Edward J. Rose	1955	Elwin F. Tirrell	1956
Arthur E. Stenberg	1955	Jack R. Ainsleigh	1957
Franklin B. Thompson	1955	Charles W. Baldwin	1957
Robert F. Thompson	1955	John E. Cannon	1957
Charles E. Timmons	1955	George F. Creehan	1957
Ernest M. Wells	1955	Walter E. Delorey	1957
E. Chester Wright	1955	Frank H. Diekmeyer	1957
Russell H. Wright	1955	Robert O. Grondin	1957
Carl P. Andre	1956	Emilio Libertine	1957
Howard R. Beaver	1956	John A. Libertine	1957
John J. Corbett	1956	Raymond P. Palmer	1957
R. Alden Elliott	1956	William H. Stovold	1957
Christopher M. Garland	1956	George H. Young	1957

Appointed Officers and Committees

Police Department

Edward D. Cahill, Chief and Keeper of the Lock-up

N. Eric Nelson, Deputy Chief

Leo J. Hart, Jr., Lieutenant

John W. Illingworth, Sergeant

Albert R. Klay, Lieutenant

John V. Polio, Sergeant

Francis T. Maguire, Lieutenant

Earle A. Prario, Sergeant

Everett A. Buker, Sergeant

John F. O'Rourke, Sergeant

Fire Department

Harry T. Sears, Chief

Edward A. Hennebury, Deputy Chief

Walter Hennessey, Deputy Chief

Frank B. Thompson, Deputy Chief

Industrial Development Commission

Paul H. Young, Chairman, 1955

Herbert J. Albee

1955

John O. Holden

1955

Charles R. Furlong

1955

William S. Monahan

1955

Board of Registrars

James H. Dignan, Chairman, 1955

Thomas F. Mulligan, 1956

Lillian M. Drinkwater, 1957

Ernest C. Woodsum, Clerk, Ex-officio

Field Drivers

Walter J. Mattie

Mansfield A. Belyea

Felice Zampine

Fence Viewers

Joseph F. Connolly

W. Homer Melville

Edwin L. Emerson

Inspectors of Plumbing

Israel P. Weston

Arthur F. Sullivan

Board of Appeal Under Zoning By-Law

Herbert J. Redman, Chairman

Ralph B. Woodsum

Earl R. Grant, Clerk

Alternate, C. Frederick Tarbox—Deceased

Board of Appeal Under Building Code

Ovidio D. Chiesa

Joseph M. Duffy

Ralph H. Marstin

Airport Commission

William G. Brooks, Chairman, 1956

John W. Murphy

1955

Thomas C. Carrier

1956

George T. Woodsum

1955

William Stewart

1957

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Ralph W. Maglathlin

BURIAL AGENT

George A. Shortle

BUILDING INSPECTOR

John C. Pafford

DEPUTY BUILDING INSPECTOR

Daniel A. Maloney

WIRE INSPECTOR

Arthur F. Lucas

DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

George A. Shortle

WELFARE AGENT	Henry J. Gaffney
TOWN COUNSEL	Richard A. Hunt
TOWN ENGINEER	John J. Drinkwater (Retired)
ACTING TOWN ENGINEER	J. Warren Cuff
SUPT. OF FIRE ALARM SYSTEM	Harry T. Sears
SUPT. OF INFIRMARY	Joseph A. Hall
SUPT. OF STREETS	John Q. Wentworth
MGR. OF ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPT.	Ernest T. Fulton (Retired)
MGR. OF ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPT.	Alban G. Spurrell (Appointed)
SUPT. OF WATER DEPT.	George N. Watson
SUPT. OF SEWER DEPT.	George F. Brousseau
SUPT. OF PLAIN STREET CEMETERY	Albert A. Drollett
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES	Calvin E. Young
HEALTH AGENT	Deane R. Walker
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS	James F. Mattie
INSPECTOR OF MEATS & PROVISIONS	James F. Mattie
MOTH SUPERINTENDENT	John Q. Wentworth
FOREST WARDEN	Harry T. Sears
MILK INSPECTOR	Deane R. Walker
DOG OFFICER	Cornelius L. Sullivan
SLAUGHTERING INSPECTOR	James F. Mattie
HARBOR MASTER	Seward W. Taber
ASSISTANT HARBOR MASTER	Earl T. Connors

Town Forest Committee

Harry C. Lake	Donald C. Wilder	Jeanette Mohnkern
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Finance Committee

J. Paul Benson, Chairman, 1956

James P. McCue, Vice Chairman, 1957

E. Harrison Keith, Secretary, 1957

Jack R. Ainsleigh	1955	Charles D. Curtiss, Jr.	1956
Leslie R. Birnie	1955	Charles H. Mundt	1956
Ralph A. Hayward	1955	Robert W. Sullivan	1956
Herbert J. Redman	1955	F. Leroy Foster	1957
Arthur E. Stenberg	1955	L. Frederick Martin	1957
Gilbert L. Bean	1956	Alton L. Pike	1957

Town Clerk

Ernest C. Woodsum—Town Clerk

Vital Statistics

	1953	1954
Births	543	421
Marriages	272	258
Deaths	294	303

Town Election

Number of votes cast

Precinct 1A	492
Precinct 1B	418
Precinct 2	865
Precinct 3	726
Precinct 4	753
Precinct 5	529
Precinct 6	485
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For Moderator

	1A	1B	2	3	4	5	6	Total
E. Curtis Mower, Jr.	416	304	754	646	655	440	400	3615
Blanks	76	114	111	80	98	89	85	653

E. Curtiss Mower, Jr. elected and sworn by Town Clerk

For Town Clerk

Ernest C. Woodsum	433	309	768	678	667	465	416	3736
Blanks	59	109	97	48	86	64	69	532

Ernest C. Woodsum elected and sworn by Benjamin H. Woodsum,
Notary Public

For Town Treasurer

John W. Harding	416	296	765	658	669	452	407	3663
Blanks	76	122	100	68	84	77	78	605

John W. Harding elected and sworn by Town Clerk

For Selectman (For Three Years)

Herbert B. Hollis	422	305	764	661	661	449	406	3668
Blanks	70	113	101	64	92	78	79	597
Scattering				1		2		3

Herbert B. Hollis elected and sworn by Town Clerk

For Board of Public Welfare (For Three Years)

	1A	1B	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Herbert B. Hollis	404	307	769	652	663	439	396	3630
Blanks	88	111	96	73	90	88	89	635
Scattering				1		2		3

Herbert B. Hollis elected and sworn by Town Clerk

Assessor (For Three Years)

Chester W. Nelson	391	305	743	630	635	429	396	3529
Blanks	101	113	122	96	118	98	89	737
Scattering						2		2

Chester W. Nelson elected and sworn by Town Clerk

Water Commissioner (For Three Years)

Joseph Landers	404	305	753	628	631	430	384	3535
Blanks	88	113	112	98	122	99	101	733

Joseph Landers elected and sworn by Town Clerk

School Committee (For Three Years)

Roger W. Arnold	148	76	185	289	372	160	124	1354
Robert J. Barrett	171	237	394	131	149	119	107	1308
Mary Thorning Ellis	35	35	140	310	172	73	44	809
George W. Lunn	88	42	112	165	120	180	59	766
Catherine M. Murphy	103	50	121	43	41	38	42	438
Hazel M. Schopp	59	5	68	158	199	50	56	595
Vincent Sorgi	64	49	58	28	27	19	12	257
Natalie H. Stovold	52	15	52	66	74	89	239	587
Richard W. Troup	21	11	35	38	62	78	52	297
Elizabeth White	77	41	96	49	72	59	53	447
Joseph Zanghi	40	145	174	38	54	41	50	542
Blanks	126	130	295	137	164	152	132	1136

Roger W. Arnold and Robert J. Barrett elected and sworn by
Town Clerk

School Committee (For One Year) To Fill Vacancy

Charles W. Baldwin	154	116	318	490	406	346	269	2099
Joseph F. Connolly	298	232	464	181	307	141	159	1782
Blanks	40	70	83	55	40	42	57	387

Charles W. Baldwin elected and sworn by Town Clerk

Board of Health (For Three Years)

Harrison T. Smiley	399	299	749	609	648	433	395	3532
Blanks	93	119	116	117	105	96	90	736

Harrison T. Smiley elected and sworn by Town Clerk

Sewer Commissioner (For Three Years)

Bernard R. Andrews	370	300	738	624	627	420	377	3456
Blanks	122	118	127	102	126	109	108	812

Bernard R. Andrews elected and sworn by Town Clerk

Municipal Lighting Board (For Three Years)

Shelley A. Neal	222	127	360	431	411	271	241	2063
Carl W. R. Johnson	207	220	369	251	282	203	175	1707
Blanks	63	71	136	44	60	55	69	498

Shelley A. Neal elected and sworn by Town Clerk

Park Commissioner (For Three Years)

Harry F. Vinton, Jr.	298	231	537	478	522	309	184	2559
Robert O. Grondin	103	102	158	165	148	150	249	1075
Blanks	91	85	170	83	83	70	52	634

Harry F. Vinton, Jr. elected and sworn by Town Clerk

Tax Collector

	1A	1B	2	3	4	5	6	Total
George H. Gerrior, Jr.	403	315	764	630	647	448	409	3616
Blanks	89	103	101	96	106	81	76	652

George H. Gerrior, Jr. elected and sworn by Town Clerk

Tree Warden

John F. Leetch	403	314	778	623	637	433	379	3567
Blanks	89	104	87	103	116	96	106	701

John F. Leetch elected and sworn by Town Clerk

Planning Board (For Five Years)

Joseph M. Magaldi	231	231	326	296	324	220	198	1826
Hyman H. Borax	42	31	76	131	81	47	26	434
Donald B. MacMillan	157	112	356	220	258	193	174	1470
Blanks	62	44	107	79	90	69	87	533

Joseph M. Magaldi elected and sworn by Town Clerk

Braintree Housing Authority (For Five Years)

Paul P. Foley	369	321	739	595	600	409	374	3407
Blanks	123	97	126	131	153	120	111	861

Paul P. Foley elected and sworn by Town Clerk

Braintree Housing Authority (For One Year) To Fill Vacancy

Matthew W. Hanscom	121	108	219	312	404	223	159	1546
Carl R. Johnson, Jr.	298	222	505	329	255	240	229	2078
Blanks	73	88	141	85	94	66	97	644

Carl R. Johnson, Jr. elected and sworn by Town Clerk

Trustees Thayer Public Library (For Two Years)

Mabel S. Rogers	362	270	771	601	624	404	363	3395
Clara G. Wetherbee	363	270	780	587	596	386	348	3330
Blanks	259	296	179	264	286	268	259	1811

Mabel S. Rogers and Clara G. Wetherbee elected and sworn by
Town Clerk

Question No. 1

Yes	199	146	292	270	251	199	170	1527
No.	209	142	383	316	319	251	237	1857
Blanks	84	130	190	140	183	79	78	884

Precinct 1.

13 Town Meeting Members (For Three Years)

*Almeda Walker Cain	514	Albert A. Burke	253
*William H. Colligan	325	Angelo M. Carino	282
*Kenneth G. Dyer	399	Charles J. Coffman	165
*Ernest J. Janssen	406	Robert F. Gerrish	303
*Carl R. Johnson, Jr.	501	Harry A. Hoffman	223
*Carl W. R. Johnson	394	John R. Parlee	208
*Albert R. Klay	372	*Stanley H. Richards	333
*Joseph M. Magaldi	425	Robert K. Stanley	294
*Nahum R. Pillsbury	372	Francis L. Stewart	250
*Ernest S. Reynolds	390	*Whitney Withington	386

Robert White	307	Roland H. Whitman	314
*Albert Avitabile	389		
* Elected			

1 Town Meeting Member (For Two Years) To Fill Vacancy

*Walter Hennessey	674
* Elected	

2 Town Meeting Members (For One Year) To Fill Vacancy

*John A. Cassidy	544	Vincent Sorgi	304
*Daniel W. Schluter	413		
* Elected			

Precinct 2.

14 Town Meeting Members (For Three Years)

*Felix H. Atkinson	509	*J. Warren Cuff	419
*A. Wendell Drollett	520	Nicholas J. DelVecchio	313
*William D. Ewing	512	*Arthur F. Lucas, Jr.	461
*Donald M. Jordan	491	*Donald B. MacMillan	463
*Robert W. Matthews	463	Richard H. McNealy	330
*N. Eric Nelson	455	Edward J. Morrissey	307
*Norton P. Potter	479	*George C. Newcomb	356
*Russell B. Rae	433	Carl R. Vitagliano	249
*B. Joseph Rizzo	493	Joseph S. Wacks	315
*James V. Tedesco	377		
* Elected			

1 Town Meeting Member (For Two Years) To Fill Vacancy

*Carl J. Knutson	762
* Elected	

1 Town Meeting Member (For One Year) To Fill Vacancy

*Knute Ingmanson	759
* Elected	

Precinct 3.

14 Town Meeting Members (For Three Years)

*A. William Albert	498	*George E. Warren	496
*Chester A. Belyea	518	*Albert E. Wynot	487
*Sophie G. Blunt	478	Walter H. Annis	256
*William J. Connel	489	James Collins	215
*Henry G. Galebach	493	John P. Coneys, Jr.	166
*Kenneth N. Gould	479	Mitchell W. Gawlowicz	221
*Herbert B. Hollis	540	Harold A. Newcomb	238
*Shelley A. Neal	489	*George A. Shortle	305
*Mortimer N. Peck	560	*Harold G. Wynot	392
*Samuel H. Ripley	497		
* Elected			

1 Town Meeting Member (For Two Years) To Fill Vacancy

Wendell N. Ford	110	*Ruth W. Shuster	367
John O. Holden	137		
* Elected			

Precinct 4.

14 Town Meetnig Members (For Three Years)

*Roger W. Arnold	560	*Gilbert L. Bean	374
*Ernst G. Becker	486	Catherine J. Carroll	244
*A. Winston Caird	439	*Warren W. Davis	319
*Harold W. Cairns	477	Paul P. Foley	274
*Lee Cisneros	353	Andrew N. Harvey	306
*Herbert H. Eno	444	John G. Hedman	311
*Matthew H. Hanscom	483	*Lillian E. Killam	342
*Frank T. Maguire	372	Paul J. McHugh	202
*Charles C. Parker	484	Edward J. McLaughlin Jr.	232
*Seward W. Taber	447	Irving H. Thompson	298
*Mary Beatrice Arnold	417		

* Elected

Precinct 5.

13 Town Meeting Members (For Three Years)

*Charles F. Abell	399	*Charles W. King, Jr.	351
*Carl H. Bjorkman	392	*Harvey G. Lyons, Jr.	351
*Everett A. Buker	383	*Alexander Mitchelson	360
*G. Vinton Jones	382	*Sidney B. Tinson	354
*Frank P. Lord	393	*Thomas F. Cassidy	21
*Daniel A. Maloney	386	F. Conrad Mischler	12
*Henry J. Diotte	332	Scattering	14
*Dorothy M. Hennebury	348		

* Elected

1 Town Meeting Member (For One Year) To Fill Vacancy

*William T. Kendrick 403

* Elected

Precinct 6.

12 Town Meeting Members (For Three Years)

*Jack R. Ainsleigh	311	*Raymond P. Palmer	316
*Charles W. Baldwin	292	*George H. Young	297
*John E. Cannon	322	John J. Canavan	209
*George F. Creehan	302	*Robert O. Grondin	260
*Walter E. Delory	332	Arthur D. Levangie	225
*Frank H. Diekmeyer	277	James P. McCue	197
*Emilio Libertine	275	William F. McRae	172
*John A. Libertine	263	*William H. Stovold	293

* Elected

2 Town Meeting Members (For Two Years) To Fill Vacancy

*John J. Corbett 358 Scattering 9

* Elected

1 Town Meeting Member (For One Year) To Fill Vacancy

*Wilbert T. Levangie 357

* Elected

SPECIAL MEETING OF TOWN MEETING MEMBERS OF PRECINCT 6

Braintree, Massachusetts

March 15, 1954

Under the Provisions of Section 8, Chapter 17, of the Acts of 1937, a Special Meeting of the Town Meeting Members elected from Precinct 6 was held at the Town Hall at 7 P. M., March 15, 1954. The meeting was called to order by Ernest C. Woodsum, Town Clerk, for the purpose of organizing temporarily, in order to determine by ballot the filling of one vacancy caused by the failure to elect at Annual Election.

JOHN F. HARKIN was nominated for Temporary Clerk.

There being no other nominations, and a vote being taken JOHN F. HARKIN was unanimously chosen Temporary Clerk, and having been duly sworn, thereafter presided until the election of a Temporary Chairman.

HOWARD R. BEAVER was nominated Temporary Chairman. There being no other nominations and a vote taken, HOWARD R. BEAVER was unanimously chosen Temporary Chairman.

The only business to come before the meeting was the election of ONE Town Meeting Member to serve until the next Annual Town Election, whereupon nominations were now in order. The names of John J. Canavan and Harriet B. W. Kimball were placed in nomination.

The ballots being received and counted, it was declared by the Chairman the following result:

Total number of votes cast 21.

John J. Canavan receiving 16 and Harriet B. W. Kimball receiving 5.

The Chairman announced the following to have been elected:

JOHN J. CANAVAN 20 Bellevue Road

PETITION FOR RECOUNT

March 8, 1954

A Petition having been received by the Town Clerk for a Recount of the votes cast at the Annual Town Election held March 1, 1954 on the office of Town Meeting Member, Precinct 4 and will effect the election of Warren W. Davis and John G. Hedman, was filed in due time and found to be in proper order with the necessary number of signatures of registered voters in Precinct 4 checked by the Board of Registrars.

The date, time and place for the Recount was set by the Board of Registrars as for Wednesday, March 17, 1954 at 2 P. M. at the Town Hall.

RECOUNT

Braintree, Massachusetts

March 17, 1954

In accordance with the foregoing mentioned Petition, the Recount was held at 2 P. M. at the Town Hall by the Board of Registrars in accordance with the Provisions of Chapter 54, Section 135, General Laws.

Total number of ballots cast:

Original	.....	753
Recount	.....	753

PRECINCT OFFICERS RETURNS

TOWN MEETING MEMBER—PRECINCT 4

Warren W. Davis	.....	319
John G. Hedman	.....	311

RECOUNT BY BOARD OF REGISTRARS

TOWN MEETING MEMBER—PRECINCT 4

Warren W. Davis	.....	312
John G. Hedman	.....	323

Annual Town Meeting

1. To choose all Town officers except those elected by ballot.

Voted: That this meeting does hereby adjudge that the following individual has been duly elected and is qualified to act as a member of this meeting, for a term set opposite his name; this vote being taken to confirm the action of the Town Meeting Members in Precinct 6:

John J. Canavan — 1 year

Voted: The election of Matthew McCusker, George A. Williams and Dominic F. Diauto as Measurers of Wood and Weighers of Hay.

Voted: The election of John C. Pafford, Shelley A. Neal and Daniel A. Maloney as Measurers of Lumber.

ARTICLE 2. To hear and act upon the reports of the several boards of Town Officers and Committees, and choose any committee the Town may think proper.

Voted: That Article 2 be taken up in conjunction with all other articles.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1955, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the provisions of Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.—Unanimously carried.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1955, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the provisions of Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.—Unanimously carried.

ARTICLE 5. To see what action the Town will take to establish the salaries of the elective Town Officers.

Voted. That Article 5 be considered in conjunction with Article 6.

ARTICLE 6. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds to pay interest and maturing debt, and for charges, expenses and outlays of the several Town Departments for a Reserve Fund for the ensuing year. (For amounts appropriated, see Town Accountant's Report, Recapitulation.)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to amend its By-Laws by inserting a new article numbered 13A, to read as follows
SALARY ADMINISTRATION PLAN

Part I. General

Section 1. Name of By-Law and Authority. This by-law shall be known and cited as "The Salary Administration Plan", and is hereby adopted pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108A.

Section 2. Classification Plan. The positions of all officers and employees in the service of the Town other than those positions filled by popular election and those under the direction and control of the School Committee, are hereby classified by titles in the groups listed in Schedule A entitled "Job Classification by Groups", a copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk's office, and copies of which will be presented to the Town Meeting.

Section 3. New or Changed Positions. Whenever a new position is established, or the duties of an existing position are so changed that in effect a new position is created, upon presentation of substantiating data satisfactory to the Personnel Board, the board shall allocate such new or changed position to its appropriate group.

Section 4. Titles of Position. No person shall be appointed, employed or paid as an employee in any position subject to the provisions of the Classification Plan, under any title other than those of the Classification Plan, or under any title other than that of the job the duties of which are actually performed. The job title in the

Plan shall be the official title for all purposes having to do with the position and shall be used to designate the position in all pay-rolls, budget estimates and official reports, and in every other connection involving personnel and fiscal processes, but any abbreviation or code symbol approved by the Personnel Board may be used in lieu of the title.

Section 5. Reclassification of Employees. No employee may be reclassified to a job in another group, either higher or lower, until the Personnel Board shall have determined such a reclassification will be consistent with the Classification and Salary Plans.

Section 6. Job Descriptions. The Personnel Board shall maintain written job descriptions of the jobs, or positions, in the Classification Plan, describing the essential characteristics, requirements and general duties of the jobs. The descriptions shall not be interpreted as complete or limiting definitions of any job, and employees shall continue in the future, as in the past, to perform any duties assigned by department heads, supervisors, or other administrative authority.

Section 7. Salary Plan. A Salary Plan is to be established by vote of the Town in town meeting to provide minimum and maximum salaries, or single rate salaries, for the groups and positions in the Classification Plan. The salary range, or rate, of a group shall be the salary range, or rate, for all positions classified in the group.

Section 8. Amendment of the Plans. The Salary Plan may be amended by a majority vote of the Town at a regular or special town meeting. No amendment of either plan shall be made until it has been presented by signed petition to the Personnel Board and acted upon by the Board. Upon receipt of such a petition, the Board, after giving the petitioners, the heads of departments and employees affected at least three days' written notice, shall hold a hearing of the parties interested to consider the proposed amendment. If the Personnel Board shall fail to act on an amendment so presented within fifteen days after the hearing thereon, the Board shall be deemed to have disapproved the amendment. The petition may then be presented to the town meeting, if so desired. The Board may, of its own motion, after a similar hearing of the parties interested, propose an amendment to either plan.

Section 9. Relation to Civil Service Law. Nothing in this By-Law, or in Salary Plan, shall be construed to conflict with Chapter 31 of the General Laws.

Part II. The Personnel Board

Section 1. The Personnel Board. There shall be a Personnel Board appointed by the Moderator, consisting of five members, other than employees or elected officials of the town, but for this purpose Town Members shall not be deemed to be elected officials. Two members shall be appointed for a term expiring May 31, 1955, two for a term expiring May 31, 1956, and one for a term expiring May 31, 1957. All subsequent appointments shall be made for a term of three years, except when filling vacancies. Any vacancies

shall be filled by the Moderator for the balance of the term in which the vacancy occurs.

Section 2. Duties of the Personnel Board.

a. The Personnel Board shall administer the Classification and Salary Plans, and shall establish such policies, procedures and regulations, consistent with said Plans and this By-Law, as it deems necessary for the administration thereof.

b. The Board shall maintain personnel records of all employees, including therein such information as it deems desirable, said records to be kept by the Town Accountant on behalf of the Personnel Board. Department Heads shall furnish such information as shall be requested for this purpose.

c. The Personnel Board, from time to time, shall review the work of all positions subject to the Classification Plan. Such reviews shall be so scheduled as to cover all such positions at intervals of not more than three years.

d. The Personnel Board shall, from time to time, review the Salary Plan. It shall keep informed as to pay rates and policies outside the service of the Town, and shall recommend to the Town any action which it deems desirable to maintain a fair and equitable pay level.

e. Upon recommendation of a Department Head, supported by evidence in writing of special reasons and exceptional circumstances satisfactory to the Personnel Board, said Board may authorize an entrance rate higher than the minimum rate for a position, and such other variances in the Salary Plan as it may deem necessary for the proper functioning of the services of the Town.

f. The Personnel Board shall, in advance of each annual town meeting and in advance of any special town meeting at which recommendations of the Board will be considered, prepare a printed report for the information of town meeting members and town employees.

Part III. The Salary Plan

Section 1. Installing the Plan.

a. All present employees in the Classification Plan who are rendering satisfactory service in the opinion of their Department Head shall be compensated according to Schedule B, a copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk's office, and copies of which will be presented to the Town Meeting, except as modified by the following paragraph b.

b. No pay shall be reduced as a result of the installation of this Plan. Any existing rates above the maximum shall become Personal Rates and apply only to the present incumbent. Such rates are not subject to automatic changes in Schedule B, but will be adjusted by partial changes, as recommended by the Personnel Board, until such time as these rates conform to Schedule B, or until such time as the position is vacated. No other employee assigned to, or hired for the job shall advance beyond the maximum of the job.

Section 2. Adjustment Policies. Employees in the continuous full-time service of the town, who have a satisfactory performance record, shall be eligible for an advance of one step-rate per year (The year to be counted from the date of the latest increase), but not more, until the maximum for their job is reached, such increase to be granted by the department head, subject to the approval of the Personnel Board. Any employee denied such an increase has the right to appeal to the Personnel Board, which will confer with both the employee and the Department Head. All adjustments shall be approved in advance by the Board.

Section 3. Transfer and Promotions. When an employee is promoted to a higher rated job, he shall enter at the minimum of the job range or at his own rate, whichever is the higher. He may also receive a one step-rate increase at the time, if the Department Head feels that the qualifications and performances warrant it, and the Personnel Board approves.

If an employee should be transferred to a lower rated job, he shall enter it at his own rate or at the maximum of the job, whichever is the lower.

Section 4. New Personnel

a. The hiring rate shall be the minimum of the rate range of the job for which the new employee is hired, unless otherwise authorized by the Personnel Board.

b. The first six months of employment shall be a probationary period, at the end of which the employee may advance one step-rate provided the Department Head and the Personnel Board decide his performance warrants it. Otherwise, he shall come up for consideration after one year of continuous full time service .

Section 5. Departmental Budgets. Each Department Head shall include in the departmental budget a Pay Adjustment Section, to provide funds for anticipated pay adjustments during the year, expenditures to be made therefrom only in accordance with the Salary Plan with the approval of the Personnel Board.

Voted: That the By-Laws of the Town be amended by adding a new section numbered 13B, titled Salary Administration Plan, in the form set forth in detail in Article 7, as amended: "That Section 1 of Part II be amended by striking out the first sentence and by substituting therefor the following: "There shall be a Personnel Board appointed by the Moderator consisting of five members, one of whom shall be a town employee".

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 16, Section 1 of its By-Laws by adding thereto the following sentence: "Nothing herein, however, shall prevent amendment to the "Salary Administration Plan" in the manner provided therein."—Unanimously carried.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum or sums of money from available funds in the Treasury to be used by the Assessors in determination of Tax Rate for 1954, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: To authorize and instruct the Assessors to use the sum of \$50,000.00 in a special reserve fund created by transfer from the Electric Light Department Construction Account in determination of the tax rate for 1954, and to appropriate said sum for the purpose of reducing the tax rate.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the income of the Electric Light Department the sum of Three Hundred Dollars for the salaries of the Electric Light Commissioners. No action necessary.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to include in the tax levy for electricity used for street lighting, the sum of \$13,800.00 as appropriated under Article 6 of the warrant for the year 1954 Annual Town Meeting, and that said sum together with the income from sales of electricity to private consumers for the current supplied to Municipal buildings or for Municipal power, and from the sales of appliances and jobbing during the current fiscal year to be appropriated for the use of the Municipal Light Plant the whole to be expended under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board for repairs, renewals, new construction and operating expenses of the Plant for the fiscal year, as defined in Section 57, Chapter 164, General Laws, and that if said income shall exceed the expense for the fiscal year such amount of excess as is deemed necessary by the Municipal Light Board shall be transferred to the construction fund of said plant and appropriated and shall be used for such additions to the plant as may thereafter be authorized by the Municipal Light Board and any remaining amount paid into the surplus of the Town Treasury.—So voted.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to assist in defraying the expenses of Memorial Day, or take any other action relative thereto.—No action necessary.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Braintree Post No. 1702, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States for rent of hall to conduct meetings and other functions of the Post, or take any other action relative thereto.—No action necessary.

ARTICLE 14. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds for Civilian Defense, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted. That there be raised and appropriated the sum of \$2,000.00 for Civilian Defense, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Director of Civilian Defense.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money to reimburse Battery "C" 126th AAA AW BN (SP) Mass. N. G. for expenses of drill grounds, firing range and incidental expenses, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That there be raised and appropriated the sum of \$450.00 to reimburse Battery "C" 126th AAA AW BN for expenses of drill grounds, firing range and incidental expenses, said sum to be expended by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to accept a gift under the will and codicil of Mary F. White of real estate on Hollis Avenue; and, further to see what use or disposition will be made of the same.

Voted: To accept the devise of real estate on Hollis Avenue under the will and codicil of the late Mary F. White and to authorize and instruct the Selectmen to sell the said real estate at public auction, or private sale, at a price not less than the 1953 assessed valuation thereof.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 27A, Chapter 40, General Laws, providing that proposed zoning changes may not be reconsidered after adverse vote within a two year period except upon recommendation of the Planning Board.—Unanimously carried.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 628 of the Acts of 1953, General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 100B, providing for indemnification of certain retired Police and Firemen for certain hospital, medical and surgical expenses.—No action.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to purchase or take by eminent domain a parcel of land on Brookside Road shown as Plot No. 22 on Assessors Plan 3005 for municipal parking purposes and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any other action relative thereto.—No action.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to purchase or take by eminent domain for use as a site for a National Guard Armory, a tract of land on Washington Street opposite its junction with Academy Street or some other suitable tract, and appropriate a sum or sums of money therefor or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That the Board of Selectmen, with the approval of the Board of Public Welfare if required, be and are hereby authorized to convey to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, without consideration therefor, for the purpose of constructing an Armory thereon a parcel of land bound and described as follows: A parcel of land bounded on the east by the westerly side of Williams Court from Union Street a distance of 305 feet, thence by a line running westerly in front of the Town Infirmary for a distance of 370 feet, thence by a line running northerly to Union Street for a distance of 275 feet, thence along Union Street to point of beginning for a distance of 435 feet, containing 2.56 acres more or less and shown as a part of Plot 3 on Assessors Plan 1001.—Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 21. ON PETITION. To see if the Town will vote to grant permission to Braintree Post No. 86, American Legion to erect a memorial on the grounds adjacent to the present Legion Building, so-called, saving the Town from expense for such erection, or take any action relative thereto.

Voted. That permission be granted to Braintree Post No. 86, American Legion, to erect on the grounds adjacent to the present Legion Building a memorial in such form as may first be approved by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town for the purpose of perfecting title thereto, will vote to take by eminent domain the premises formerly occupied by the Thayer Public Library for the use of the Board of Water Commissioners, and appropriate the sum of one dollar for the cost thereof.

Voted. That the Town authorize and instruct the Selectmen for the purpose of perfecting title thereto to take by eminent domain for the use of the Board of Water Commissioners the land with the building thereon heretofore held by trustees and used for the Thayer Public Library from 1874-1952.—Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the purchase or taking by eminent domain for Park Purposes of a parcel of land off Washington Street shown on Assessors Plan No. 1045, Plot 49, known as Lot D, containing 5.36 acres, now or formerly owned by Walcott L. Griffiths, and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

Voted: That the sum of \$1,500.00 be raised and appropriated for the purchase of a parcel of land off Washington Street shown on Assessors Plan 1045, Plot 49, known as Lot D, containing 5.36 acres, now or formerly owned by Wolcott L. Griffiths, for park purposes.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the purchase or taking by eminent domain for Park Purposes of a parcel of land off Main Street and Wildwood Avenue shown on Assessors Plan No. 1093, Plot 4, known as Lot 6, containing 7.36 acres now or formerly owned by Peter W. and Nora J. McHugh, and appropriate a sum of money therefor.—No action.

ARTICLE 25. To see what sum or sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds to defray its share of the cost of the 1955 State Census, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That the sum of \$1,800.00 be raised and appropriated to be used as the Town's share of the cost of the 1955 State census. Said sum to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate any sum or sums of money to be expended by the Board of Sewer Commissioners for the construction of sewers for sanitary purposes, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That there be raised and appropriated the sum of \$100,000.00 for the construction of additional sewers for sanitary purposes under the direction of the Sewer Commissioners and that to meet said appropriation, the sum of \$50,000.00 shall be raised in the tax levy and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authoriezd to borrow the sum of \$50,000.00 and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than 10 years from the date of issue of the first bond or note, or at such earlier time as the Treasurer and Selectmen may determine.—Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 27. To see what sum or sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds for Hydrant maintenance, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That there be raised and appropriated the sum of \$14,750.00, said sum to be paid to the Water Department for Hydrant Service during 1954.—Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of chlorinating that portion of Sunset Lake comprising the bathing area during the summer of 1954 and designate the department which shall be responsible for such expenditure of such appropriation, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That there be raised and appropriated the sum of \$1,900.-00 to be expended under the direction of the Water Department for the purpose of chlorinating that portion of Sunset Lake comprising the bathing area during the summer of 1954.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money in addition to their Insurance Budget to provide for Windstorm and Vandalism Insurance on public buildings of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.—No action.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law by striking out Par. 5 of Section VIII entitled area regulations and substitute the following new Par. 5 and add Par. 5A:

Par. 5 LOT SIZE. No building, except one-story building of accessory use, shall be erected in a Residence A District on a lot containing less than twenty thousand square feet or less than one hundred twenty five feet wide; and no building except one-story buildings of accessory use, in a Residence B or C District shall be erected on a lot containing less than twelve thousand five hundred square feet or less than one hundred feet wide and no dwelling in a Business or Industrial District shall be erected on a lot containing less than fifteen thousand square feet or less than one hundred feet wide, the lot width in each case to be measured through that part of the building to be erected where the lot is narrowest; provided that in no case the width of the lot at the street line be less than fifty feet; provided that one building may be erected on any lot which, at the time this by-law was originally adopted, either is separately owned or contains five thousand square feet, is fifty feet wide and is shown on a recorded plan of lots. In a Residence A or B District not more than thirty-five per cent of the area of any lot shall be occupied by a building or buildings, and in a Residence C, Business or Industrial District not more than fifty per cent of any lot occupied by a dwelling shall be occupied by a building or buildings, provided that on any corner lot an additional four hundred square feet may be occupied.

Par. 5A—One building may be erected on any lot with an area of 7500 square feet and 70 feet wide in Zones B, C, Business and Industrial provided the lot is shown on a recorded plan of lots placed on record prior to March 1954 and this exception shall also apply to any lot in Zone A having an area of 15,000 square feet and 100 feet wide.

Voted: That the Zoning By-Law be amended by striking out Par. 5 of Section VIII entitled "Area Regulations" and substituting a new Par. 5 to read as follows:

Par. 5 Lot Size. No building, except one-story buildings of accessory use, shall be erected in a Residence A District on a lot containing less than twenty thousand square feet or less than one hundred twenty-five feet wide; and no building except one-story buildings of accessory use, in a Residence B or C District shall be erected on a lot containing less than twelve thousand five hundred square feet or less than one hundred feet wide, and no dwelling in a Business or Industrial District shall be erected on a lot containing less than fifteen thousand square feet or less than one hundred feet wide, the lot width in each case to be measured through that part of the building to be erected where the lot is narrowest; provided that in no case the width of the lot at the street line be less than fifty feet; provided that one building may be erected on any lot which, at the time this By-Law was originally adopted, either is separately owned or contains five thousand square feet, is fifty feet wide and is shown on a recorded plan of lots. In a Residence A or B District not more than thirty-five per cent of the area of any lot shall be occupied by a building or buildings, and in a Residence C, Business or Industrial District not more than fifty per cent of any lot occupied by a dwelling shall be occupied by a building or buildings, provided that on any corner lot an additional four hundred square feet may be occupied.—Unanimous vote.

Voted: That the Zoning By-Law be amended by adding a new paragraph to be numbered 5A and inserted after Par. 5 Section VIII entitled "Arear Regulations", said new Par. 5A to read as follows:

Par. 5A. One building may be erected on any lot with an area of 7500 square feet and 70 feet wide in Zones B, C, Business and Industrial provided the lot is shown on a recorded plan of lots placed on record with the Registry of Deeds prior to the effective date of this By-Law, and this exception shall also apply to any lot in Zone A having an area of 15,000 square feet and 100 feet wide.—Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 31. ON PETITION. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law by striking out Par. 5 of Sec. VIII entitled area regulations and substitute the following new Par. 5 and add Par. 5A:

Par. 5 LOT SIZE. No building, except one-story building of accessory use, shall be erected in a Residence A District on a lot containing less than thirty thousand square feet or less than one hundred fifty feet wide; and no building except one-story building of accessory use, in a Residence B or C District shall be erected on a lot containing less than fifteen thousand square feet or less than one hundred feet wide and no building in a Business or Industrial District shall be erected on a lot containing less than fifteen thousand square feet or less than one hundred feet wide, the lot width in each case to be measured through that part of the building to be erected where the lot is narrowest; provided that in no case the width of the lot at the street line be less than fifty feet; provided that one building may be erected on any lot which, at the time this

By-Law was originally adopted, either is separately owned or contains five thousand square feet, is fifty feet wide and is shown on a recorded plan of lots. In a Residence A or B district not more than thirty-five per cent of the area of any lot shall be occupied by a building or buildings, and in a Residence C, Business or Industrial District not more than fifty per cent of any lot occupied by a dwelling shall be occupied by a building or buildings, provided that on any corner lot an additional four hundred square feet may be occupied.—No action.

Par. 5A—One building may be erected on any lot with an area of 7500 square feet and 70 feet wide in Zones B, C, Business and Industrial provided the lot is shown on a recorded plan of lots placed on record prior to March 1954 and this exception shall also apply to any lot in Zone A having an area of 15,000 square feet and 100 feet wide.—No action.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to amend Par. 1 Section 1 of the Zoning By-Law so that the Zoning Map dated May 2, 1940, as most previously amended, be changed to provide that the "Zoning" of the following described areas be changed as follows:

a. From Residence A to Industrial—a parcel of land bounded by West Street on the north side, Granite Street on the east side, King Hill Road on the south side and an unnamed street running from West Street to King Hill Road on the west side, said parcel containing approximately 340 acres more or less and the zoning change to be effective in each case from a distance of 200 feet setback from the street lines. This land is shown on Assessors Plans 1032, 1033, 1034, 2048, 2049, 2050 and 2051.—So voted.

b. From Residence B to Industrial—a parcel of land bounded by the Plymouth Branch of the N.Y., N.H. & H. R.R. Co. on the northerly side, by Liberty Street on the easterly side with a 100 ft. setback, by Grove Street on the southerly side with a 100 ft. setback from the street line in each case, and by Plain Street on the westerly side with approximately a 1000 ft. setback from the street line containing approximately 35 acres more or less and shown on Assessors Maps 1082 and 1084.—No action.

c. From Residence B to Industrial—a parcel of land bounded by Plain and Grove Streets on the northerly side with a 130 ft. setback from each street line, on the westerly side approximately 900 ft. adjacent to the present industrial area, by the river on the southerly side and by a line from the River to an unnamed street containing approximately 120 acres more or less as shown on Assessors Maps 1085, 1086, and 1105.—No action.

ARTICLE 33 ON PETITION. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law and the Zoning Map dated May 2, 1940, as amended, by providing that the following described area shall be classified as an industrial area: an area bounded on the west and south by the present industrial area adjoining Plain Street and the Plymouth Branch of the Old Colony Railroad; on the east by Plain Street and a way from Plain Street to Pearl Street, and on the north by a line parallel to and two hundred feet southerly from Sagamore Street.

Voted: That Par. 1 Section 1 of the Zoning By-Law be amended so that the Zoning Map dated May 2, 1940, as most previously amended, be changed to provide that the following described area be changed from Residence B District to Industrial District: An area bounded on the west and south by the present Industrial Area adjoining Plain Street and the Plymouth Branch of the Old Colony Railroad; on the east by Plain Street for a distance of 580 feet from the present Industrial area and on the northeast by a line running from Plain Street to the southwesterly corner of Plot 119 as shown on Assessors Plan 1027 for a distance of 660 feet more or less, on the north by a line parallel to and 200 feet southerly from the southerly street line of Sagamore Street.—Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 34. ON PETITION. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law and Zoning Map dated May 2, 1940 as most recently amended by providing that the following described area shall be classified as a business district:—a tract of land near the Braintree Parking Area and bounded southerly by land of Mabel L. Bates and Braintree Masonic Association, Inc., 324.45 feet more or less, westerly 275 feet on land of Joseph Barile by a line from a drill hole in a stone wall to the southwesterly corner of land of John J. Alves and otherwise by the Business Zone as previously established.

Voted: That Par. 1, Section 1 of the Zoning By-Law be amended so that the Zoning Map dated May 2, 1940, as most previously amended, be changed to provide that the following described area be changed from Residence B District to a Business District: A tract of land near the Braintree Parking Area and bounded southerly by land of Mabel L. Bates and Braintree Masonic Association, Inc., 284 feet more or less, westerly 275 feet on land of Joseph Barile by a line from a drill hole in a stone wall to the southwesterly corner of land of John J. Alves, on the northerly side of land of John J. Alves and Dearing Avenue 181 feet more or less, on the easterly side by the rear lot lines of Plots 25B, 24, 23, 22B 22A and 21 on Assessors Plan 2028 a distance of 247 feet more or less and includes the Braintree Parking Area.—Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 35. ON PETITION. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law and the Zoning Map dated May 2, 1940, as amended, by providing that the following described area shall be classified as a Business District:—a tract of land at the corner of Hancock and Washington Streets containing 28,500 square feet of land more or less as shown on Assessors' Plan 1008, Plot 32, Part of Lot 2.—No action.

ARTICLE 36. ON PETITION. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law and the Zoning Map dated May 2, 1940, as amended, by providing that the following described areas shall be classified as Residence B districts:

1. Beginning at a point on the southerly side of Union Street at the intersection with Middle Street and running Northeasterly by Union Street One Hundred no/100 feet, thence turning and running Southeasterly One Hundred no/100 feet, thence turning and running Southwesterly One Hundred no/100 feet, thence turning and running Northwesterly by Middle Street One Hundred no/100 feet, to the point of beginning:

2. Beginning at a point on the Southerly side of Union Street at the intersection with Middle Street and running Northwesterly by Union Street One Hundred no/100 feet, thence turning and running Southwesterly One Hundred no/100 feet, thence turning and running Southeasterly One Hundred no/100 feet, thence turning and running Northeasterly by Middle Street One Hundred no/100 feet to the point of beginning:

3. Beginning at a point on the Northerly side of Union Street at the intersection with Middle Street and running Southwesterly by Union Street One Hundred no/100 feet, thence turning and running Northwesterly One Hundred no/100 feet, thence turning and running Northeasterly One Hundred no/100 feet, thence turning and running Southeasterly by Middle Street One Hundred no/100 feet to the point of beginning:

4. Beginning at a point on the Northerly side of Union Street at the intersection with Middle Street and running Southeasterly by Union Street One Hundred no/100 feet, thence turning and running Northeasterly One Hundred no/100 feet, thence turning and running Northwesterly One Hundred no/100 feet, thence turning and running Southwesterly by Middle Street One Hundred no/100 feet to the point of beginning.

Voted. That Par. 1, Section 1 of the Zoning By-Law be amended so that the Zoning Map dated May 2, 1940, as most previously amended, be changed to provide that the following described areas be changed from a Business District to Residence B District, the areas as follows:

1. Beginning at a point on the southerly side of Union Street at the intersection with Middle Street and running northeasterly by Union Street 100 feet, thence turning and running southeasterly 100 feet, thence turning and running southwesterly 100 feet, thence turning and running northwesterly by Middle Street, 100 feet; to the point of beginning:

2. Beginning at a point on the southerly side of Union Street at the intersection with Middle Street and running northwesterly by Union Street, 100 feet, thence turning and running southwesterly 100 feet, thence turning and running southeasterly 100 feet, thence turning and running northeasterly by Middle Street, 100 feet to the point of beginning:

3. Beginning at a point on the northerly side of Union Street at the intersection with Middle Street and running southwesterly by Union Street 100 feet, thence turning and running northwesterly 100 feet, thence turning and running northeasterly 100 feet, thence turning and running southeasterly by Middle Street 100 feet to the point of beginning.

4. Beginning at a point on the northerly side of Union Street at the intersection with Middle Street and running southeasterly by Union Street 100 feet, thence turning and running northeasterly 100 feet, thence turning and running northwesterly 100 feet, thence turning and running southwesterly by Middle Street 100 feet to the point of beginning.—Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 37. ON PETITION. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws and the Zoning Map dated May 2, 1940, as most recently amended, by providing that the following described area shall be classified as a Residence B District:

The land in the southeastern part of the Town of Braintree being bound and described as follows: Easterly by the Braintree-Weymouth Town lines running from Columbian Street to the Braintree-Weymouth-Holbrook Town lines; southerly by the Braintree-Holbrook Town line from the point last mentioned to Liberty Street; westerly and northwesterly by Liberty Street from the point last mentioned to Grove Street; and northerly by Grove Street and Columbian Street to the point of beginning.—No action.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to abandon a sewer taking made in November, 1949, against the N.Y., N.H. & H. R.R. Co., Inc., running from Hancock St. to what was formerly South Braintree Laundry, Inc., as shown on sewer taking plan No. 118, and filed in Norfolk Registry of Deeds Book 2874, Page 229, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That the Town authorize the Sewer Department to abandon its easement for sewer purposes over land of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Railroad Company Inc., shown on Sewer Taking Plan No. 118.—Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to abandon the sewer taking made in June 1953, against N.Y., N.H., & H., R.R. Co., Inc., running from Old Road towards Washington Street, as shown on Sewer Taking Plan No. 145, filed in Norfolk Registry of Deeds Book 3178, Page 457, or taken any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That the Town authorize the Sewer Department to abandon its easement for sewer purposes over land of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co., Inc., shown on Sewer Taking Plan No. 145.—Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 40. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of constructing an elementary school building in the Perkins Area and for originally equipping same; determine how the money shall be provided for, by borrowing, by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, or take any action relative thereto.

Voted: Upon recommendation of the Finance Committee that the sum of \$183,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of constructing an elementary school building in the Perkins area, off Lincoln Street, and for originally equipping and furnishing the same; and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$21,500.00 be transferred—\$19,215.18 from the unexpended balance of the appropriation for the Monatiquot School Annex and \$2,284.82 from the unexpended balance of the appropriation for the Penniman School Annex; and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of \$161,500.00 under authority of Chapter 645 of 1948 as amended, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, so that the whole loan

shall be paid in not more than twenty years from the date of issue of the first bond or note; and that the Perkins Area Development Committee appointed pursuant to vote under Article 36 of the warrant for the 1953 Annual Town Meeting, be and hereby is authorized to act for and in behalf of the Town with full power to employ architects, secure bids, and let contracts in the name of the Town, and to do all and any acts necessary to construct and equip and furnish said building within the aforesaid appropriation.—Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 41. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds for the acquisition of a site or sites for future schools, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That the Selectmen be authorized to take by eminent domain for school purposes, a parcel of land presumed to be owned by the School Fund Committee, containing about 16 acres with a frontage of about 275 feet on West Street and about 240 feet on Granite Street, for the sum of \$1.00.

Voted. That control of lot numbered 5 on Assessors Plan No. 1082, containing about 14 acres on Plain Street, be transferred to the School Department for school purposes; said parcel having been acquired by the Town through tax title foreclosure.—Unanimous.

Voted: That our representatives be requested and instructed, so far as we have the power to do, to petition the legislature for permission to use such portion of the Town Forest as may be selected by the School Site Committee for school purposes.—Unanimous.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the School Committee to eliminate the Kindergarten grade from the school system as of the closing of the schools in June 1954.—No action.

ARTICLE 43. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, to be expended under the direction of the South Shore Mosquito Control Project for the eradication of mosquitoes, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That the sum of \$5,800.00 be raised and appropriated to be used as the Town's contribution for 1954 to enable it to defray its share of the expenses of the South Shore Mosquito Control Project.

ARTICLE 44. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds for the eradication and prevention of "Dutch Elm" disease, so-called, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That there be raised and appropriated the sum of \$5,000.00 for the eradication and prevention of "Dutch Elm" disease, said sum to be expended under the direction of Highway Department.

ARTICLE 45. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds for "Gypsy Moth" control, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That there be raised and appropriated the sum of \$1,525.00 for "Gypsy Moth" control, \$500.00 of said sum to be for salary of Moth Superintendent and \$1,025.00 to be expended under the direction of said Superintendent in conjunction with Highway Department.

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will authorize the sale of a portion of the parcel acquired for the Town Dump covering a tract of land approximately twenty acres abutting on Ivory Street, and to determine the minimum price for which and the manner in which it shall be sold, or take any other action relative thereto.—No action.

ARTICLE 47. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds for the construction of a retaining wall on the easterly side of Ferncroft Road for a distance of approximately 80 feet from Glenrose Avenue, or take any other action relative thereto.—No action.

ARTICLE 48. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds for the construction of a curbing in front of 439 Washington Street, or take any other action relative thereto.—No action.

ARTICLE 49. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, Lakeside Drive, approximately 1290 feet from the present acceptance, as laid out by the Selectmen and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of same, or take any other action relative thereto.—No action.

ARTICLE 50. ON PETITION. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, Ivory Street, as laid out by the Selectmen and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of same, or take any other action relative thereto.—No action.

ARTICLE 51. ON PETITION. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, Azel Road, from the present acceptance to Lakeview Avenue, as laid out by the Selectmen, and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of same, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That Azel Road for a distance of 310 feet from present acceptance to Lakeview Avenue, as laid out by the Selectmen and approved by the Planning Board, be accepted as and for a Town Way and that the sum of \$1,723.00 be raised and appropriated for the improvement of same and that betterments be assessed to the extent of 66 and two-thirds per cent of the cost of said improvement.

—Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 52. ON PETITION. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, Marshfield Road, as laid out by the Selectmen, and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of same, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That Marshfield Road, for a distance of 270 feet from Franklin Street to Azel Road, as laid out by the Selectmen and approved by the Planning Board, be accepted as and for a Town Way and that the sum of \$1,533.00 be raised and appropriated for the

improvement of same and that betterments be assessed to the extent of 66 and two-thirds per cent of the cost of said improvement.

—Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 53. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, Home Park Road, as laid out by the Selectmen, and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of same, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That the Town accept as and for a Town Way, Home Park Road, as laid out by the Selectmen, and the sum of \$2,695.00 be raised and appropriated for improvement of same, and that betterments to the extent of 66 2/3% of the cost be assessed on abutting estates.—Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 54. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, Walnut Street Extension from present acceptance to Common Street, as laid out by the Selectmen, and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of same, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That the Town accept as and for a Town Way, Walnut Street (Ext.) from the present acceptance to Common Street as laid out by the Selectmen, and the sum of \$3,506.75 be raised and appropriated for improvement of the same, and that betterments to the extent of 66 2/3% of the cost be assessed on abutting estates.—Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 55. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, Boscobel Street, approximately 115 feet from the present acceptance, as laid out by the Selectmen, and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of same, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That Boscobel Street for a distance of approximately 60 feet from present acceptance, as laid out by the Selectmen, be accepted as and for a Town Way and that the sum of \$217.00 be raised and appropriated for the improvement of same and that betterments be assessed to the extent of 66 2/3% of the cost of said improvement.—Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 56. ON PETITION. To see if the Town will vote to construct an asphalt sidewalk on the northerly side of Hunt Avenue under the Betterment Act or otherwise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any other action relative thereto .

Voted: That there be raised and appropriated the sum of \$764.00 for the laying of an asphalt sidewalk on the northerly side of Hunt Avenue, and that betterments to the extent of 50% of the cost thereof be assessed upon abutting estates.—Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 57. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum or sums of money for the improvement of the easterly side of Washington Street from President Road to School Street West, or take any other action relative thereto.—No action.

ARTICLE 58. To see if the Town will vote to sell to Joseph Drinkwater, Jr. a small parcel of land lying between premises owned by him and Union Street, or take any other action relative thereto.

—No action.

ARTICLE 59. ON PETITION. To see if the Town will vote to approve the appointment by the Moderator of a permanent Industrial Commission consisting of not less than five members, at least one of whom shall be employed in Braintree, to serve terms of three years each with one member of the first appointed body to serve one year, two to serve two years and two to serve three years, and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the first year's expenses of the Commission.

Voted: That there be raised and appropriated the sum of \$100.00 to be used for the first year's expenses of a permanent Industrial Commission to be appointed by the Moderator. Said Commission to consist of not less than five members, at least one of whom shall be employed in Braintree, to serve terms of three years each, with one member of the first appointed body to serve one year, two to serve two years, and two to serve three years.—Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 60. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds to meet the payment of certain bills contracted prior to January 1, 1954, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted. That there be raised and appropriated the sum of \$590.55 to meet the payment of certain unpaid liabilities incurred prior to January 1, 1954:

Police Department:			
Clark & Taber, Inc.	\$ 41.62		
Winer's Hardware Stores, Inc.49		
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	169.48		
City of Quincy, Hospital Dept.	12.00	\$223.59	
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Fire Department:			
Clark & Taber, Inc.		366.96	
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			\$590.55

ARTICLE 61. To see what sums of money in addition to that appropriated under any other article, the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate for Land Damages.—No action necessary.

ARTICLE 62. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to appropriate for the purpose of the Stabilization Fund under the authority of Section 5B of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.—No action.

ARTICLE 63. To see what disposition the Town will vote to make of the income of the Thayer Fund.—No action necessary.

Appropriations to be raised by taxation	\$2,846,866.04
Appropriations not in tax levy	879,862.62
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Total Appropriations	\$3,726,728.66

Special Town Meeting—June 1954

ARTICLE 1. To see what action the Town will take to rescind the vote taken under Article 41 of the Annual Town Meeting of 1954 concerning the petition to the Legislature to permit the Town to use part of the Town Forest as a school site.

Voted: That the Town rescind its action taken at the Annual Meeting requesting and instructing our representatives to petition the Legislature for permission to use a portion of the Town Forest for school purposes.

ARTICLE 2. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds for the acquisition of a site or sites for future schools, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: (a) That there be appropriated and transferred from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$3,050.00 for the purchase or taking by eminent domain, which purchase or taking is hereby authorized, for school purposes, of a parcel of land shown as Plot No. 1 on Assessors' Plan 1098 owned by Angelo and Josephine Digaetano excepting two lots containing a total of approximately 2.4 acres, with buildings thereon, one at the intersection of Peach and Liberty Streets, and the other at the southwest corner of the Plot as shown on Plan by Town Engineer dated June 22, 1954; said parcel to contain approximately 7 acres:

(b) That there be appropriated and transferred from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$1,875.00 for the purchase or taking by eminent domain, which purchase or taking is hereby authorized, for school purposes, of a parcel of land shown as Plot No. 2 on Assessors' Plan 1098 consisting of 15.07 more or less acres total (1.43 more or less acres in easement) owned by Mary B. Mc-Sharry:

(c) That there be appropriated and transferred from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$325.00 for the purchase or taking by eminent domain, which purchase or taking is hereby authorized, for school purposes, of a parcel of land shown as a small part (approximately 2.6 acres) of Plot No. 1 on Assessors' Plan No. 1087 owned by Moreland Trust, shown on plan by Town Engineer dated June 22, 1954.

ARTICLE 3. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds for the purpose of preparing working plans, employing architects and securing bids for the construction of a new junior high school building in the south district, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: That there be appropriated the sum of \$49,000.00, of which \$16,471.84 shall be transferred from the Hollis School Repairing Accounts, \$51.58 from the Braintree High School addition account, \$30,000.00 from the Lakeside School account, \$1,996.73 from the Penniman Annex account, \$270.84 from the 1953 School Budget Judgment Account, \$209.01 from new plans Lakeside account, for the preparation of plans, specifications, drawings and reports, and

securing bids for the construction of a new junior high school building in the South District under the direction of a committee of five to be appointed by the Moderator, one of whom to be a member of the Finance Committee, and to be known as The South District School Development Committee with full power to employ architects, consultants, secure bids in the name of the Town and to do all and any acts necessary towards securing the above mentioned plans, specifications, drawings, reports and bids within the aforesaid appropriation, and report to the Town not later than the 1955 Annual Town Meeting.—Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the authority voted under Article 23 of the 1954 Annual Meeting to acquire certain property for Park Purposes and to transfer appropriation made therefor to any other similar purpose and then to see if the Town will vote to authorize the purchase or taking by eminent domain for Park Purposes of a parcel of land off Washington Street, being a portion of Plot 49, Lot D on Assessors' Plan 1045 as shown on plan prepared by the Town Engineer and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money therefor, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: To rescind the action taken under Article 23 of the Annual Meeting to acquire Plot 49 on Assessors' Plan 1045 for Park purposes, and that the sum of \$1,500.00 be appropriated and transferred from the appropriation under Article 23 at the Annual Town Meeting for the purchase or taking by eminent domain, which purchase or taking is hereby authorized, of a parcel of land off Washington Street, being a portion of Lot D on Assessors' Plan 1045 and being shown on a plan of land for Park Purposes, Owner Wolcott Griffiths, June 22, 1954, on file in the Town Engineer's Office, together with a right of way 30 feet in width from Washington Street to said parcel.

ARTICLE 5. To see what sum or sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds for uniforms or equipment for the Auxiliary Police, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: To appropriate and transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$1,650.00 for the purchase of 75 uniform jackets for the auxiliary police department.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Sec. 1 of Chapter 297 and Chapter 511 both of the Acts of 1954 relating to an Industrial Development Commission.

Voted: That the Town accept the provisions of Sec. 1 of Chapter 297 and Chapter 511 both of the Acts of 1954 relating to an Industrial Development Commission and that said Commission consist of not more than five members.—Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to abandon that portion of a 1949 Town Layout of Common Street between Sunnyside Avenue as laid out and the northerly side line of the existing traveled way on said Common Street, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: To authorize the Selectmen to abandon that portion of a 1949 layout and taking of Common Street laying between the easterly end of Sunnyside Avenue, so-called, and the northerly boundary of Common Street as it exists as a traveled way.
Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of constructing an addition to the Central Fire and Police Station to increase garage facilities for the Police Department, or take any other action relative thereto.—No action.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to sell to the abutting owners a small piece of land, not in use for Highway purposes, on the easterly side of Azel Road, or take any other action relative thereto.—No action.

Committee Reports

SALARY SURVEY COMMITTEE

At the annual Town Meeting 1952 two resolutions were offered relative to wages for the employees of the Town of Braintree. A single committee was appointed to consider these subjects. At the 1953 Annual Town Meeting this committee reported that, in its opinion, a job classification and salary program was feasible. It was recommended that \$6,000.00 be appropriated to have the work done by a professional firm, which advice you accepted and approved.

The Moderator re-appointed practically the same people to carry out this program. Then illness struck and other problems arose, leading to several resignations, and it was late summer before the committee could organize. This delay placed this committee, and later the Finance Committee, under great pressure.

About eight firms were interviewed and five possible plans discussed, three plans receiving serious consideration. The plan finally adopted—job evaluation—is what might be called one of four standard approaches to this task. Prices for the work ranged from \$3,775.00 to something over \$14,000.00. A contract was finally signed with Sumner D. Charm and Associates. While this firm was the low bidder the decision to employ it, rather than one of the other low bidders, was based upon the feeling that this firm would do as good a technical job as

any firm, and probably would inspire more co-operation among the town's employees.

We wish to express our thanks, at this time, to the firms we interviewed. They were most helpful to us, even when they sensed that they were probably out of the running. This was a small job for most of them, yet we received courteous consideration from every one of them.

The first step in a project such as this is to secure a description of each job. This was done by means of questionnaires, interviews of the employees, and interviews with the department heads. After a rough description had been prepared it was reviewed by the appropriation department head. This corrected copy constitutes our official job description.

The next step is to evaluate, or measure, each job. To do this the yardsticks, called factors, must be established. On page four of the booklet you will see a list of the factors used. It is here that experience and judgment count the most. Yet even this need is reduced to a minimum such that almost anyone could be trained to do it.

Having determined the score for each job it is now possible to arrange them in order of importance.

We are now ready to price these jobs. To do this the going rate for certain key jobs is determined. The going rates were found by a survey of 17 communities. By plotting the rates of these key jobs on a chart we get a picture such as you see on page eight of the booklet. The heavy line connects the positions of the various key jobs. With a curve established for each category, and with the point-score of each job known, it is then very simple to pick out the correct rate of pay for each job.

As the committee sees it there are three areas of possible controversy. The first is—is the job properly described? This was done by the employee and by his department head and by on-the-job audits by Mr. Charm's employees. Before being used the description was once again reviewed by the department head, and by some employees. Thus it would seem that this area of dispute has been reduced to almost, but not quite, nothingness.

The second area of argument is the application of the yardsticks. This must be done by an impartial party—in this case Charm and Associates. How well was this

done? On this committee there are three men who are experienced in this work—in fact, one makes his living at it. These three men have independently evaluated a limited number of jobs. Then they compared their results with one another, and finally with the work of Charm and Associates. From this we are well satisfied that the jobs in town are properly evaluated.

If there are any errors up to this point, and it is probable that a few mistakes do exist, it seems most likely that the errors are in the first step—the job descriptions, which were done largely by the employees themselves.

The third possible area of dispute is the setting of the wage curve or chart. It might be argued that we took towns that were too small, or towns that were in financial difficulties. The three smallest communities used are neighbors of ours—Holbrook, Randolph and Hingham. The three largest communities used are Brookline, Arlington and Weymouth. Of all the towns in the state these three rank first, second and fourth in size. Our wage schedule is based on the average wage rate—of the key jobs—paid in these seventeen towns.

From this curve we established a lower line that was the minimum, or starting rate. This line is 10% below the average line. The line for the maximum rate is 10% above the average line. This means that in just a few years the rate of pay of Braintree employees will be above average—not the highest paid people, but above average.

Unfortunately some groups or individuals are already close to, at, or above this maximum line. Rather naturally these employees are somewhat disappointed. For example, in the case of the privates in the Police and Fire Departments, out of the 220 cities and towns in the state of 2500 population and up we find only 4 cities and 13 towns with higher wage rates than those we propose for Braintree privates. And three of these towns are in our survey group. Under these circumstances we fail to see how we could honestly urge higher rates.

This brings us rather naturally to the subject of the By-Laws. Part I, Section 3 and Section 8, and Part II, Section C, and Part III, Section 2, suggest steps to be taken to protect employees from errors and discrimina-

tion. We would like to stress these sections in view of the previous problems we have mentioned. Every effort is made to assure the employees of fair treatment.

In connection with the By-Laws themselves the only criticism we have heard is that they specifically prohibit a town employee or elected official from serving on the Personnel Board. We concede that this is a matter of debate. Most towns having such a plan make the same restriction. However, some don't—and Weymouth even requires the appointment of one town employee. Frankly, we think our position is right, but we recognize the arguments of the opposite position.

The committee is not infallible, unfortunately. Nor are its proposals perfect. Some things in our proposals may be the object of legitimate debate. However, the committee had to offer a position on such things, and did its best to determine what seemed most proper in each case.

The job is not complete. Some of the things not yet covered are: vacations, holidays, pay for overtime work, hours of work, and other items—what are usually referred to as fringe benefits. If the Salary Administration Plan is adopted we hope these can be studied in the coming year.

We have been asked, "What does the Town get out of this?" The Town gets the satisfaction of knowing it is doing right by its employees, and the knowledge that inequities have been eliminated so far as it is humanly possible. The Town also gets the expectation that most employees will be happier, and therefore more productive employees. And finally, there is the expectation that, with the recommendations of a personnel board to help, Town Meetings will move along faster and more smoothly.

What will this program cost the Town of Braintree? If our proposals are adopted the added cost in the 1954 tax levy will be \$12,000.00 more or less, or about \$.30 on the tax rate. And if no changes of any sort occur, then when the Salary Administration Plan is finally in full effect the added cost is estimated at \$51,000.00, or \$1.27 on the tax rate.

In conclusion we must indicate our appreciation of the attitude of the town employees. To most of them this was a strange and uncertain project. Yet Mr. Charm and his associates and employees report to us that they were received pleasantly and received splendid co-operation.

As we see it there are four general avenues you may take on our proposals, other than amendment of details. One is to discard the plan completely. Another is to adopt the plan completely. A third is to adopt the plan except deleting the Schedules A and B. This would establish the plan but postpone for a year its use in the Town Budgets. And the fourth course of action could be the adoption of our proposed adjustments for 1954, but otherwise rejecting the plan.

Throughout our considerations the committee has said to itself repeatedly—if this project doesn't "shape-up" as something which is right, either as to principle or as to details, then this report to the Town Meeting must recommend no action at this time. What we recommend must be right for Braintree. And that means right for the Town employees and right for the citizens of the town—the employers.

The committee believes that its proposals are in the best interests of this community. Having done its work with care and thoughtfulness the committee now urges that you adopt its proposals.

W. J. KEMMER
R. J. STALKER
J. C. WANZER, JR.
C. W. R. JOHNSON
W. B. BELCHER

Voted. That the report of the Salary Survey Committee be accepted as a report of progress and that the committee be instructed to continue its studies and report its findings to the Personnel Board.

COMMITTEE REPORT AS TO THE DISPOSITION OF THE ORIGINAL LIBRARY BUILDING

This is a report of the committee appointed by vote of the Annual Town Meeting of 1953 to collaborate with and Trustees of Thayer Public Library in a study to deter-

mine disposition or future use of the original Library Building.

Early investigation revealed the fact that the title to the real estate was vested in five Trustees, namely: French, Hobart, Johnson, Hunt and Hayden, long since deceased, by deed in 1874, "In strict trust to hold, manage and control same forever for the uses of a free public library for the Town of Braintree."

The present Board of Trustees of Thayer Public Library, who act under separate authority, and who have no title of ownership in the property, agreed with our committee that there is no further need of the old building for library purposes.

It appeared to us that the property had been used for over three-quarters of a century for the purpose specified in the original deed of trust and, in the normal course of events, had become obsolete and impractical for continuation of those purposes.

The problem therefore confronted us as to how the building could be taken for other uses. We were advised by Town Counsel that the usual legal procedure would be long and cumbersome due to the fact that no successors to the original Trustees had ever been appointed. He agreed that a taking by eminent domain for municipal purposes would be the most satisfactory method. This can be accomplished with a nominal award of one dollar.

Having reached this decision, we then considered how the building could be used to best advantage. Being deeply concerned about the financial burden which some uses would place on our taxpayers, and recognizing a need for additional space in Town Hall, it seemed after considering all suggestions made, that the building might be used for offices of the Water Department, who are thoroughly in agreement with this course of action as the result of a joint meeting between the Water Commissioners, the Trustees of the Library, the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and our Committee.

We particularly call to your attention the fact that none of the necessary alteration costs (which will be substantial), nor any maintenance costs, will be reflected in the tax rate as they will all come from the funds of the Water Department, which is self-supporting.

These recommendations have been reached in full agreement with the Trustees of the Library, and we have asked that an article be placed in the Warrant to take title to the original Library property by eminent domain for the use of the Board of Water Commissioners.

J. F. DINGS
OTIS B. OAKMAN, JR.
S. H. RIPLEY
J. CLARKE SETTLES
CARROLL D. WELCH

Voted: That the report be accepted with thanks.

REPORT OF THE INDUSTRIAL SURVEY COMMITTEE

The 1953 Braintree Town Meeting voted approval of the following motion:

“Moved: The appointment under Article 2 of a committee of five, one member of which is to be a member of the Planning Board, to study industrial needs in Braintree and to recommend or insert an article into the Warrant at the next Annual or Special Town Meeting whichever occurs first, such action by the Town, as in its opinion, may be necessary to promote the growth of existing industry and to encourage new industry into the Town.”—Unanimously carried.

The report of the Industrial Survey Committee, thus appointed, follows:

During recent years, we have witnessed one of the greatest building booms in the history of our country. The great number of new homes which have been erected in Braintree, has resulted in the need for new school facilities. Town utility systems have been expanded and work loads imposed upon our various Town departments have increased immeasurably. In the face of this growth in home building, industrial development in Braintree has increased but slightly. The property owners of the Town are now faced with a steadily rising tax rate. To alleviate this burden, our committee feels it essential that we make every effort to encourage the development of new industry and commerce.

The industrial or non-residential taxpayer is unique in that he makes no direct use of schools, parks, libraries, and, in proportion to his tax bill, comparatively little use of police and fire protection. His taxes, therefore, represent a distinct profit to his community. Moreover, the non-residential taxpayer offers his residential neighbors diversified job opportunities, wages and salaries to bolster the local economy and a hedge against regional business recessions.

On the other hand, our committee was anxious to find out whether Braintree offered attractions sufficient to induce the settlement of new industry. Inquiry was made into various fields suggested by a report prepared for the Filene Foundation in 1950. The results of this inquiry follow:

The labor supply, according to figures provided by the Quincy Chamber of Commerce, was found ample and skilled. A survey of labor and management in Braintree by the committee indicated, with few exceptions, a favorable labor relations picture. At the moment, existing buildings are not available in sufficient number for industrial use. Furthermore, land now zoned for industry is inadequate. What is available, does not provide satisfactory room for expansion and development. However, an article in the current Town Warrant submitted by the Zoning Survey Committee, if passed, will add several hundred additional acres of land for industrial use.

Of the local companies surveyed by the committee, none expressed concern over availability of raw materials. Most felt that New England, and Braintree in particular, represented a suitable midway point between various suppliers. Moreover, since these companies ship all over the country and have adequate rail, highway and air transportation close at hand, they do not consider shipping a serious problem. The construction of the new Southeast Expressway and Route 128 through or adjacent to the Town, as presently planned, will make Braintree even more attractive as an industrial location. With regard to markets for consumer goods, the committee found that 4,000,000 people live within 50 miles of Braintree and the Boston Chamber of Commerce presented figures showing a population of over 50,000,000, or roughly 1/3 the United States population, within 500 miles of Boston.

These facts, together with favorable utility rates in Braintree, training facilities and living conditions available throughout the South Shore area plus offers of cooperation from the Braintree Selectmen, Board of Assessors, the Quincy Chamber of Commerce and the New Haven Railroad, are indicative of a generally favorable picture for future industrial expansion in Braintree.

While not the most important consideration, the state and local tax structure is often sufficient to weigh the industrial scale for or against a given community. Speaking of his experiences in locating a plant in New England, Gwilyn A. Price, President of Westinghouse Electric, said of taxes, “. . . perhaps the thing a company fears most is instability.” He continues, “Even if the tax picture is favorable at the moment, there are often straws in the wind that indicate trouble ahead.” Tax concessions are neither sought nor expected by the average industrial firm, and the committee feels, along with the Board of Assessors, that such concessions, even if legal, should be made only in unusual cases.

In summary, the Industrial Survey Committee believes that, in order to implement a sound program of industrial expansion, a permanent Industrial Commission as outlined in Article — in the 1954 Warrant should be established. We in Braintree have never had an officially created body capable of providing basic information regarding available plants or suitable sites for industrial development. Such a Commission, consisting of prominent local citizens, would assimilate all pertinent data regarding available plants and building sites, and would process all inquiries relating to these.

Your committee, consisting of Herbert J. Albee, William G. Dyer, Thomas H. Matthews and George W. Lunn, are of the opinion that, while action is long overdue, Braintree can still profit by the experience of such communities as Norwood, Needham, Westwood and Dedham in the establishment of a forward-looking industrial program. In respectfully submitting this report for your approval, we strongly urge your support for the foregoing recommendations.

HERBERT ALBEE
WILLIAM DYER
THOMAS MATTHEWS
GEORGE LUNN. Chairman

Voted: That the report presented by Mr. Lunn be accepted with thanks.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO SURVEY ZONING BY-LAW

As a result of a vote by the March 1953 Town Meeting the Moderator appointed a Committee, said Committee to include a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals and also a member of the Planning Board. This Committee, by vote of the Town Meeting was instructed to survey the Zoning By-Laws of the Town and particularly the desirability of increasing lot size area requirements and to survey industrial development and make its report with recommendations, if any, in January 1954.

The Committee has surveyed the Town's Zoning By-Law, it has carefully studied the desirability of increasing lot size area requirements and industrial development.

The Committee reports as follows:

1. The protective by-law of the Town known as the "Zoning" law has been effective since it was adopted in 1940, however, changes in conditions have to a certain extent been met with amendments to the by-law but in order that required changes be kept current and in keeping with the times, it is advisable that this or a similar committee be named to continue studying the Zoning By-Law so that it may be kept current and in keeping with the present day requirements. We recommend the naming of such a committee.

2. Since the adoption of the original zoning by-law in 1940 (with the exception noted for lots recorded prior to 1940) no dwelling could be erected on lots in zones B, C, Business and Industrial, unless such lots had an area of 7500 square feet and the requirement in Zone A has been 15,000 square feet.

For the past several years, housing developments have increased by leaps and bounds and the peak certainly has not been reached in our Town as yet. While the Planning Board has diligently exercised control over subdivisions, the power it exercises under the statutes are

limited to layouts of ways, drainage, sewerage disposal and utility installation.

There is no control provided as to the type or cost of houses to be constructed as long as they comply with the building code. Even though a developer is made to conform strictly with the requirements of the zoning by-law, the rules and regulations of the Planning Board and the building code, the present lot size requirements are small enough to permit helter skelter and future shantytown developments with cheap construction and low value overall costs, thereby lowering the Town standards that have been prevailing and be the means of effecting substantial increases in the tax rate far and above that which would be caused by normal development such as existed prior to the housing boom. Small size lots mean small houses of low valuation with increased costs of fire and police protection, highway, water, sewer and educational requirements, and maintenance all of which can only be met with substantial property tax rate increases to be paid by the already overburdened home owners and taxpayers.

Increasing lot sizes should not be taken as a cure-all but this committee feels it is a vitally necessary step in the right direction at this time. A substantial sized lot is a good thing for the home owner as well as for the town. Survey of developments on existing lot sizes clearly shows the need of larger lot sizes particularly in view of the trend for spread-out ranch type homes with attached breezeways and garages.

It is true that the cost of developing a larger size lot will be more but in order to proceed with a development a developer will necessarily have to build good solid houses of quality construction and materials, which will be a credit to the Town and give the prospective homeowner real value. The increase in lot size will of course decrease the number of homes that will be constructed, but those that are constructed will be good homes with substantial tax valuations and will definitely result in minimizing the potential increases in the expenses required for protective, educational and utility services and maintenance, thereby acting as a check on any overbearing tax rate increase. An increase in lot size, if voted, will be applicable to undeveloped and unrecorded lands not yet subdivided.

The Committee recommends the present 7500 square feet area requirements for dwellings in Zones B, C and Business be increased to 12,500 square feet and that the requirement in Zone A be increased to 20,000 square feet and that the area for dwellings in Industrial zones be established at 15,000 square feet.

A study of the Industrial development in the Town has been made by another committee so that we have limited our study to possible industrial expansion.

Any industrial expansion requires additional area zoned for Industry. At present the land so zoned is limited and not altogether desired by potential industrial developers from whom inquiries have been received. We know that there are enterprises such as electronic research and light manufacturing looking for suitable locations. We sorely need the tax revenue that would come from new industry and everything possible should be done to attract industry with desired locations, therefore, this committee recommends that approximately 500 acres of land as outlined on the attached zoning map may be zoned for Industry.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH M. MAGALDI,
Chairman
WALLACE B. STRATHDEE
ELMER G. DERBY
GEORGE W. LUNN
HERBERT J. REDMAN
JOHN W. MAHAR

Voted: That the report of the Committee appointed to survey the Zoning By-Law be accepted as one of progress and that the Committee be continued so that it may further study the Zoning By-Law with particular emphasis on the requirements of prospective industrial developers and said committee shall work in conjunction with the Industrial Development Commission to catalogue existing industrial areas and do all possible toward the development of said areas. This Committee shall report to the next Annual Town Meeting with recommendations, if any, to be inserted in the Warrant of the 1955 Town Meeting.—Unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORT ON TOWN MANAGER FORM OF ADMINISTRATION

To the Citizens of Braintree:

In accordance with a vote of the Annual Town Meeting of 1951, this Committee was appointed to study "a Town Manager Form of Government, keeping in mind that if at all possible our present commissions be incorporated therein."

Studies Made

We have studied various reports of other town committees, acts of legislation establishing town managers for other towns, and have held meetings to which the public were invited. We were fortunate in securing Mr. Donald Blatt, Town Manager of Stoughton, and William Deegan, City Manager of Quincy, to answer any questions as to operations. We have invited department heads, commissioners of various departments, school committee, selectmen, and others to meet with us. We now submit our report, condensed as much as possible for your consideration.

Statistics

There is a definite trend toward manager plans in cities and towns throughout the nation. The following towns in Massachusetts have adopted the manager plan:

Norwood	1915	Middleboro	1921
Mansfield	1921	Stoughton	1922
Saugus	1948	Arlington	1953
Danvers	1950	Holden	1952
Ipswich	1951	Amherst	1953
Wilmington	1951	Provincetown	1954
Stoneham	1951	Shrewsbury	1954

Scituate—Legislation passed but not voted on by town.

Randolph—Bill now in legislature.

This makes 21 cities and towns in Massachusetts with managers. (Statistics from Mass. Federation of Taxpayers Associations, Inc.)

The following towns had unfavorable committee reports or adverse action on committee reports:

Brookline	Winthrop
Hingham	Yarmouth
Lexington	Weymouth
Marblehead	Watertown—no report
No. Andover	W. Springfield—no report
Templeton	

Benefits Which May Be Expected From Manager

1. Improvement and economy in municipal services by better utilization of equipment and personnel.
2. Improvement and economy in services at Town Hall by greater utilization of personnel between departments and from maintenance of records.
3. Economies through centralized purchasing of all supplies, material and equipment, except educational supplies and books for schools and libraries.
4. Economies through consolidation of maintenance and repairs of school buildings with other town properties.
5. The manager can have the responsibility of plans and supervision for all construction, reconstruction, alterations, improvement and other undertakings (subject to approval of school committee) with respect to plans for construction or improvement of school buildings.
6. Salary equalization benefiting those who are underpaid without further increasing salary of overpaid positions.
7. Studies by committees appointed by moderator in accordance with motions from the floor would be reduced to a minimum.
8. Certain offices now elective could become appointive by manager, if deemed to be advantageous to the town. These include all offices of the town except moderator, selectmen and school committee, and is known as the "Strong Manager" form of Government.
9. It would relieve the selectmen of much of the detail

of their office, allowing them to operate in a supervisory capacity.

10. Long range planning for development of the town, which now is lacking due to short term of office of elected officials.

Disadvantages Which May Be Expected

1. The salary of the manager is the prime objection. The starting salary would probably be within \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00.
2. The commissioners of the water, light and sewer departments would become advisory to the manager, who would have jurisdiction over those departments.

General

This report is to be considered in no way as a criticism of any person or department. We have tried to present advantages and disadvantages of town manager, endeavoring to keep our report short enough to encourage reading it in full, rather than so detailed as to discourage interest.

It must be remembered that a Town Manager is an executive; he does not establish policies nor appropriate funds. These powers remain with the Selectmen, Finance Committee, or the Town Meeting. The form and powers of the Town Meeting would not change.

Recommendation

We realize that any form of government should be changed only after serious consideration of the advantages of the proposed over the present. We have, to the best of our ability, considered all the facts known to us, and recommend that the Town of Braintree proceed to take the necessary steps to adopt "Town Manager" form of Government.

We wish to express our appreciation to the citizens and employees of the town for their comments and advice, and to those outside our town who have contributed their time and knowledge.

The degree of success and integrity in any form of government depends upon the interest and activity of the citizens of the town in its affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

LEE CISNEROS
JOSEPH F. CONNOLLY
ROY W. LAWSON
FRED A. TENNEY
ARTHUR W. MOFFATT,
Chairman.

Voted: That the report be accepted as a report of progress and the committee continued.

Moved: That the Town Manager Committee be instructed to draft a petition to the Legislature to enact enabling legislation authorizing the establishment of a Town Manager form of government in Braintree, said draft petition to be presented at a Special Town Meeting which the Selectmen are hereby requested to call for the purpose not later than October 15, 1954.

Voted: Indefinite postponement.

REPORT OF BRAINTREE HIGHLANDS FIRE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE

Pursuant to the action of the 1953 Town Meeting, this Committee was appointed by the Moderator on April 15, 1953, for the purpose of remodeling the Fire Station and Library located at 1890 Washington Street, Braintree Highlands.

Earle B. Terry of this town was retained as Architect.

The bids received on first advertising were rejected as there were no bids within the sum allotted. Second advertising was more successful. W. Russell Brundage, the lowest competent bidder, was awarded the contract and work started within seven days.

The building was completed, accepted and occupied October 15, 1953.

The committee feels that the successful completion of this project within the amount appropriated was due in a great part to interest and wholehearted cooperation of the Architect, Earle B. Terry and Chief of the Fire Department, Harry T. Sears.

The Braintree Highlands Fire Station and Library alterations and additions being now completed, the Committee respectfully requests its discharge.

EDWIN L. EMERSON,
Chairman
HARRY T. SEARS
JOSEPH F. CONNOLLY
MITCHELL W. GAWLOWICZ
WILLIAM H. LOW,
Secretary

Voted: That the report be accepted and the committee discharged with thanks.

COMMITTEE REPORT TO FORM UNION HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Committee "to investigate possible advantages to the Town in joining with one or more nearby Towns to form a Union Health Department as provided by Chapter 662 of the Acts of 1949" appointed by the Moderator in 1951 and continued by votes of the Annual Town Meetings of 1952 and 1953, present this final report.

Chapter 662 of the Acts of 1949 was repealed July 1, 1953 by Chapter 600 of the Acts of 1953, an Act which permits municipalities to form Regional Health Districts, sets up the machinery for the formation of such Health Districts and specifies the duties of such Districts. Formation of regional districts is permissive, not compulsory.

While the Committee feels that at some future time it might be advantageous to the Town of Braintree to participate in a Regional Health District, the Committee makes no recommendation in that respect as it knows of

no nearby town interested in joining with the Town of Braintree in the formation of such a District.

The Committee requests that it be discharged

RICHARD W. FARNSWORTH
HUGH B. SNOW
B. JOSEPH RIZZO
CHARLES M. COPELAND
NAHUM R. PILLSBURY

Voted: That the report be accepted and the committee discharged with thanks.

COMMITTEE REPORT ON PLAYGROUND SITES

In the town meeting of two years ago the Moderator appointed a committee to investigate the need for additional playground sites and to recommend new playground areas.

In this year's Warrant the committee is recommending in Articles 23 and 24 two areas as proposed playground sites. We would like to point out at this time that to obtain perfect areas which meet with the approval of everybody and incorporate all desirable features is practically impossible. The Town has built up to the point that we are faced with the situation of trying to obtain the best that is available, and as each year goes by the problem becomes increasingly difficult as choice areas become fewer and fewer. It is the committee's opinion that the Town should not postpone action on obtaining playground sites as proper playground facilities are important in the development and health of our children. The committee regrets that due to the pressure of business requirements it is not in a position to devote the necessary time for continued study on this important matter and respectfully requests that the committee be discharged and the Moderator appoint a new committee.

CALVIN E. YOUNG
E. M. WELLS
EDWARD J. ROSE
EARL R. HOLLIS
ROGER J. LEONARD

Voted: That the report be accepted and the committee discharged with thanks.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO STUDY ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

The Annual and Special Town Meetings in session for the year 1953 adopted the following two resolutions:

Article 2: Mr. Janssen moved: The adoption of the following resolution:

“That the committee appointed by the Moderator in 1951 for the study of the Assessors Office be dismissed with thanks for the study submitted at the 1952 Town Meeting and a new Committee of five be appointed to continue the study and report at the next Annual or Special Town Meeting.”—So Voted.

Article 2: Mr. Noyes moved: “That a Committee of five be appointed by the Moderator to study thoroughly the existing situation in the Assessing Department with specific reference to the work load and compensation of the officials and clerks and to report their recommendations to the next Town Meeting, either Special or Annual, inserting if necessary, an article in the Warrant for that meeting.”—So Voted.

In accordance with the above resolutions the committee appointed by the Moderator proceeded under the direction of said resolutions.

Several conferences were held with the Board of Assessors and a spot check of records as maintained in the office was accomplished.

The following matters were more particularly examined and the Committee's report thereon follows:

1. Assessors (Elected)
2. Office Personnel
3. Office Equipment
4. Office records of property values
5. Valuation adjustments and resulting tax abatements

6. Procedure followed in the valuation of new construction
7. Valuation of remodelled or altered properties.

1. The Board of Assessors comprises three members, elected by the voters of the Town, one each year, who serve with an annual salary of \$1200.00.

The Board meets monthly and on such other occasions as the demands of the office require.

The meetings held in the early months of each year are primarily devoted to problems incident to the valuation of assessable properties for the ensuing year.

Subsequent to the receipt of tax bills, claims for abatement are received which require and consume many evenings for consideration by the Board.

In this latter category there exists certain Statutory Exemptions from Poll, Personal Property and Real Property taxes, which the Assessors are required to consider.

- (a) Real Estate Statutory Exemption Clause 22, filed by a Disabled Veteran
- (b) Real Estate Statutory Exemption Clause 17, filed by a Widow—Aged or Minor person
- (c) Clause 18 statutory exemption for Poll, Personal Property, or Real Property, filed by Aged, Infirm or Indigent
- (d) Claims for abatement of Personal Property Tax
- (e) Claims for abatement of Real Estate Tax
- (f) Claims for abatement of Motor Vehicle Excise Tax by Manufacturer—Dealer—Repairman—Farmer
- (g) Claims for abatement of Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

In the year 1952 there were received by the Board of Assessors 507 claims for abatement of taxes within the above stated categories of which 455 were allowed and 52 denied. In each instance where a claim is filed the Board is required to examine into the facts involved which, on a part time basis, is obviously time consuming.

2. Office Personnel. As constituted comprises three full time employees.

- (a) Senior Clerk—Annual Salary \$2834.00

(b) Two Junior Clerks—Annual Salary (each)
\$2493.40

In addition to the full time employees listed the Board employs, part-time, an individual connected with the Engineering Department of the Town at an average cost of \$750.00 a year.

On these facts compensation paid to employees of the department total \$8571.80 a year.

3. Office Equipment. The equipment as used in this department is of average condition and used for the purpose of which it was intended, however, it is the opinion of this Committee that there could be a considerable time and expense saving if more modern equipment were acquired. This latter factor is elaborated on more fully in the recommendations of the committee.

4. Office Records. In the year 1949 the Town caused a complete survey of taxable real estate (non-manufacturing) by the Clemenshaw Company.

This company compiled records of each parcel of non-manufacturing property and installed in the office a card record of each parcel on which is contained pertinent facts on which the recommended assessed value was determined for the year 1950.

Examination of these records indicate that they have not been maintained, on the contrary the Office has another complete set of cards, on which values are recorded, in many instances in pencil.

Comparison of the Clemenshaw record and that used by the Assessors reflects many changes, usually downward, in values as set by the survey.

Considering the fact that the Clemenshaw Company proceeded on a scientific basis to equitably value all non-manufacturing property so that each property owner would share his proper portion of Town operating costs and inasmuch as all aggrieved individuals were afforded an opportunity to appear before the Clemenshaw Company representatives before a final determination of the value of their property, it would appear consistent that the values as determined by this survey should be adhered to and the records installed in the office on which

the results of said survey are incorporated should be brought up to date and used for valuation purposes.

5. Valuation Adjustments. During the years 1950 and 1951 the Board of Assessors increased the valuation of many non-manufacturing properties over that recommended by the Clemenshaw Company with the result that the property owners filed for abatements which in most cases were allowed.

During the same period the Board of Assessors increased substantially the valuations of business manufacturing properties over that recommended by an appraiser employed by the Town at a substantial fee, resulting in abatement claims and a subsequent allowance of reductions.

For example: The tax rate for any given year is determined as follows:

First the Assessors presumably determine the assessable value of all taxable property within the Town.

Secondly the Assessors determine their estimate of the value of properties on which they will be obliged to allow abatements of assessed taxes. The causes of abatements are those which allow property owners abatements by Statutory requirements over which the Board has no control and also abatements resulting from overvaluation of effected property. To provide for this contingency the Board annually includes in its estimate of funds essential to meet the Town's obligations, an item termed "Overlay".

For years 1951 and 1952 the estimated amount required and included in each respective year's levy has been insufficient to provide for the purpose intended due to the fact that abatements allowed have exceeded the Overlay fund. For example at December 31, 1952 the deficiency in this fund totalled \$86,063.31 made up of a 1951 deficiency of \$29,159.10 and a 1952 deficiency of \$56,904.21.

A spot check of the factors entering into this condition leads to the opinion that many increased property valuations were placed without any sound reason therefor.

For example, eight representative pieces of business (manufacturing) properties were assessed for a total of

\$3,176,330.00 in 1950; \$4,569,130.00 in 1951 and in 1952. Abatements were allowed in 1951 and 1952 on these properties totalling \$2,45,680.00 resulting in some instances at the reduced values being less than those existing before the increases of 1951.

To further amplify this condition which occurred in the 1951 and 1952 determination of a tax rate which had a material effect on the 1953 rate and succeeding years the following fact appears.

In setting up the 1951 estimate of available funds and estimated requirements for the operation of Town affairs the Assessors provided for anticipated abatements in amounts of \$42,000.00 in 1951 and \$49,000.00 in 1952. Abatements were allowed in these two years totalling approximately \$177,000.00 resulting in a deficit at December 31, 1952 of \$86,063.31. Included in this group is an Industrial property which in 1950 was assessed for \$638,100.00, in 1951 for \$1,765,340.00 and in 1952 for \$1,765,340.00. Abatements were allowed in 1951 totalling \$965.340.00, in 1952 totalling \$915,340.00 and for the year 1953 an agreement entered into whereby this property would be assessed \$1,250,000.00 or about \$665,000.00 less than the 1952 value as appearing on the original assessment. It should be noted that the total reductions on this property was \$2,545,680.00, which at the 1951 and 1952 rates resulted in a reduced revenue from that originally estimated of approximately \$119,600.00 or about \$3.00 on the 1953 tax rate. To obviate the total effect on the 1953 rate there was appropriated from the Town free funds \$200,000.00 without which the 1953 rate would have been about \$60.00 instead of the 1953 rate of \$53.00

This committee has not determined the purpose intended to be accomplished by this latter fact, however it does appear at least an inconsistent condition to which the 1953 rate increase may be attributed in part.

In connection with residential properties there were over 100 abatements allowed after the values were determined by the Clemenshaw Company. The revenue loss to the Town on these residential properties approximate \$15,000.00 each year thereafter.

The revenue reduction for the years 1951 and 1952 in connection with abatements allowed on manufacturing

properties approximates \$70,000.00 hence it can readily be ascertained that approximately \$85,000.00 was of necessity included in the 1953 tax levy or about \$2.00 per thousand.

Considering all factors in connection with this condition it would appear that the Town, having engaged experienced organizations for the purpose of determining scientific and equitable values for all taxable property within the Town that the values so determined should stand as they have in the great majority of cases.

As regards office records, it was noted that the Assessors take formal votes on many issues which are recorded in a Minute Book. All votes appear to be unanimous, but the names of the members present are not shown and as a fact no minutes have been signed by the Clerk since February 1953.

It is an obvious conclusion that all three members are not present at every meeting, hence it is suggested that proper formal records of meetings be maintained.

6. Procedure followed in the valuation of new construction. Upon the issuance of a permit for the construction of new residential property or for the exterior alteration of an existing structure, a notice of such permit is forwarded to the Assessing Department from the Building Inspector.

The Assessing Department forwards such notice to an employee of the Engineering Department who examines the property, and makes a report thereof, on which is included the location, measurements of the structure, type of construction on a prescribed scale, and an estimate of value.

This condition actually results in pertinent factors upon which a value should be determined in the control of one not within the ordinary jurisdiction of the Assessors.

The members of the Board being business men are presumed to occupy a part-time office, hence it cannot be expected of them to view each and every piece of property in the Town for purposes of placing a value thereon, therefore while the procedure followed may be considered inconsistent it probably is the best available method under existing circumstances.

7. Valuation of Remodelled or Altered Non- Manufacturing Properties. In instances where a one-family structure is changed into a two-family unit, with additional bath and kitchen facilities being installed, but no exterior changes, it appears that the Board of Assessors receive no notice of such changes, consequently no change is made in valuation of a two-family unit previously assessed as a one-family unit.

In such cases it is understood that inspections are made by interested Town Departments.

It is suggested that the various Town departments having the duty of Inspection make a report to the Assessors of additions to facilities and changes essential to accomplish the stated alterations with an estimated cost thereof.

Recommendations

Other comparable Municipalities visited have one full time male employee, whose duties are the administration of office detail, the maintenance of a permanent card record of each parcel of assessable property, the viewing of new construction and compilation of all pertinent data relative thereto from which the Assessors are enabled to place a value. Concerning the matter of abatement claims, this individual assembles all data essential to the consideration thereof and interviews many of the applicants, thereby relieving the Assessors of that obligation.

The Town of Norwood, with \$32,305,000.00 in value of assessable real property as against Braintree with approximately \$42,000,000.00 in value, operates the Assessing Department with two part-time Assessors and one full-time, the latter being the Chairman and one full-time male clerk.

Part-time Assessors are paid \$900.00 per annum, the chairman \$4,000.00 and the full-time clerk \$4,000.00, or a total of \$9,800.00.

Assessors and Clerical compensation as paid by the Town of Braintree in 1952 totalled \$12,011.20.

Braintree on the other hand has approximately 8600 parcels of assessable property as against about 6000 in Norwood, however the difference in the number of par-

cels involved is immaterial when considering the cost of compensation as between the two Towns.

In Norwood an automatic machine is in use on which the Assessors lists and tax bills are made in one operation, and during periods when this machine is not in use for the aforesaid purpose, other departments of the Town use it.

Office records are in excellent condition and all card records of specific properties reflect all pertinent data on said property. This record is very similiar to that installed in Braintree by the Clemenshaw Co.

With the procurement of a machine similar to that in use in Norwood, it appears that the employment of one male and one female Clerk at an annual cost of approximately \$6500.00 should be sufficient to efficiently operate the office and also relieve the Assessors of much of the detail required of them under present conditions.

It is, therefore, recommended that the Town Meeting consider the procurement of one mechanized tax accounting machine and the employment of one male, capable of administering the office detail, together with one female clerk, who would perform office duties and operate the billing or listing machine.

This recommendation would release two clerks presently employed, for other departments of the Town, at a saving of at least \$4986.80 in salaries plus \$750.00 paid to the member of the Engineers staff, or a total of \$5736.80.

As against this apparent saving it is presumed that the new male employee could be engaged at about \$4,000.00 a year, plus an annual amortization of the recommended machine of \$400.00 resulting in an anticipate cost of \$4400.00 or a net saving of about \$1300.00 in the Assessor's Office plus about \$500.00 expended each year by the Tax Collector for temporary assistance in rendering the tax bills.

In making this recommendation this committee is cognizant of the "Work-load" factor as presently existing in this department as well as that which may be anticipated in the foreseeable future.

During the year 1953 there were added to the taxable residential property lists over 200 new homes, with

an undetermined number of remodelled and altered units. For the year 1953 the anticipated number of new units exceeds 800.

To expect a Board of three part-time Assessors, all of whom have individual business interests, to properly service a department, with the work-load of the Assessors Office as presently constituted and increasing as the Town grows, appears a fallacy, therefore it is recommended that the Town Meeting instruct the Selectmen to insert in the Warrant for the next Town Meeting, regular or special, an article sufficient to provide for the following:

(a) A full-time employee to be designated as an Assistant Assessor, or some other appropriate title, at an annual salary of about \$4000.00, with one Junior Clerk at an annual salary of about \$2500.00 per annum, with duties of administering and control of office detail, the maintenance of permanent card records of assessable properties, the viewing of new construction and compilation of pertinent data relative thereto from which the Assessors may be enabled to properly place an assessable value and to assemble all data concerning claims for abatement essential to the consideration thereof.

(b) The procurement of a machine, Burroughs, or similar, capable of listing the Assessors lists, computing the amount of tax assessable and the compilation of the tax bills, in one operation, at an estimated cost of approximately \$4000.00.

OFFICE RECORDS OF ASSESSABLE PROPERTY

It is recommended that the card records as set up by the Clemenshaw Company be immediately brought up to date and any adjustment of values made subsequent to said appraisal be noted on the effected property card together with some information justifying said adjustment. In instances where an adjusted value is determined by the Board it is suggested that the members concurring in such change initial the card.

As hereinbefore stated the cards presently in use contain no description of the property other than an incorporated reference and in many cases it was noted they were written in pencil and in instances of adjusted values

no reference is reflected as regards approval thereof by the Board Members.

JOHN E. MALONEY, Chairman,
IRVING CHARNOCK,
THOMAS MATTHEWS,
WILLIAM BAKER,
THOMAS MARR.

Voted: That the report be accepted and the committee discharged with thanks.

STATE PRIMARY

September 14, 1954

The result of the ballot was as follows:

Number of Republican ballots cast	2310
Number of Democratic ballots cast	640

Total Number of Ballots Cast	2950
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For nomination of candidates for:

GOVERNOR

Christian A. Herter (R)	2060
Robert F. Murphy (D)	433
Francis E. Kelly (D)	188

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Sumner G. Whittier (R)	2061
James A. Burke (D)	569

SECRETARY

Michael J. McCarthy (R)	1985
Edward J. Cronin (D)	555

TREASURER

Augustus G. Means (R)	1991
Clément A. Riley (D)	215
William F. Carr (D)	146
John F. Kennedy (D)	246

AUDITOR

William P. Constantino (R)	1947
Thomas J. Buckley (D)	563

ATTORNEY GENERAL

George Fingold (R)	2053
John F. Collins (D)	564

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Leverett Saltonstall (R)	2109
Foster Furcolo (D)	369
John I. Fitzgerald (D)	89
Joseph L. Murphy (D)	152

CONGRESSMAN

Richard B. Wigglesworth (R)	2079
John J. Craven (D)	110
Thomas F. Gallagher (D)	94
James F. Gardner (D)	380

COUNCILLOR

Charles J. Gabriel (R)	2043
William Grossman (D)	61
James F. Hanlon (D)	268
Nathan T. Shindler (D)	109
John C. Tuttle (D)	101

SENATOR—FIRST NORFOLK DISTRICT

Charles W. Hedges (R)	2009
Dace J. Moore (D)	517

REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT

THIRD NORFOLK DISTRICT

Herbert B. Hollis (R)	1878
Chester W. Nelson (R)	1516
Everett E. Callahan (R)	137
George M. Doyle (R)	320
Franklin Fryer (R)	291
Edward F. Hanley (R)	44
John F. Newton (R)	225
Raymond P. Palmer (R)	1133
George H. Thompson (R)	461
Joseph P. Barrett (D)	338
Henry T. Calnan (D)	56
William A. Connell (D)	223
Irving A. Coughlin (D)	85
William F. Donoghue (D)	133
George A. Lydon (D)	418
Helen A. McMahon (D)	301
Scattering	1

DISTRICT ATTORNEY NORFOLK DISTRICT

Sturtevant Burr (R)	164
George Philip Carney (R)	283
Myron N. Lane (R)	1712
Joseph F. X. Doherty (D)	544

REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY

NORFOLK COUNTY

Alfred E. Henderson (R)	1939
(D)	0

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

NORFOLK COUNTY

Everett M. Bowker (R)	817
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Ralph H. Hutchinson (R)	885
Charles J. Vaughan (R)	270
Wilfred E. Arcand (D)	493

**COUNTY TREASURER
NORFOLK COUNTY**

Raymond C. Warmington (R)	2012
(D)	0

STATE ELECTION

November 2, 1954

The result of the Ballot was as follows:

Number of votes cast in Precinct 1A	935
Number of votes cast in Precinct 1B	725
Number of votes cast in Precinct 2	1856
Number of votes cast in Precinct 3	1919
Number of votes cast in Precinct 4	1969
Number of votes cast in Precinct 5	1604
Number of votes cast in Precinct 6	1495

Total number of votes cast	10,504
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For nomination of candidataes for:

GOVERNOR

Christian A. Herter (R)	6748
Robert F. Murphy (D)	3668
Lawrence Gilfedder (SL)	16
Guy S. Williams (P)	9
Blanks	63

Total	10,504
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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Sumner G. Whittier (R)	6820
James A. Burke (D)	3553
Dona'd E. Babcock (P)	17
Francis A. Votano (SL)	94
Blanks	94

Total	10,504
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SECRETARY

Edward J. Cronin (D)	4096
Michael J. McCarthy (R)	6126
Fred M. Ingersoll (SL)	37
William D. Ross (P)	41
Blanks	204

Total	10,504
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TREASURER

John F. Kennedy (D)	4103
Augustus G. Means (R)	6191
Henning A. Blomen (SL)	23
Isaac Goddard (P)	20
Blanks	167
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Total	10,504

AUDITOR

Thomas J. Buckley (D)	4744
William P. Constantino (R)	5500
John B. Lauder (P)	26
Anthony Martin (SL)	20
Blanks	214
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Total	10,504

ATTORNEY GENERAL

George Fingold (R)	6600
John F. Collins (D)	3696
Howard B. Rand (P)	18
Malcolm T. Rowe (SL)	18
Blanks	172
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Total	10,504

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Leverett Saltonstall (R)	6628
Foster Furcolo (D)	3758
Thelma Ingersoll (SL)	9
Harold J. Ireland (P)	8
Blanks	101
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Total	10,504

CONGRESSMAN (THIRTEENTH DISTRICT)

Richard B. Wigglesworth (R)	6726
James F. Gardner (D)	3636
Blanks	142
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Total	10,504

COUNCILLOR (SECOND DISTRICT)

Charles J. Gabriel (R)	6720
James F. Hanlon (D)	3501
Blanks	283
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Total	10,504

STATE SENATOR (FIRST NORFOLK DISTRICT)

Charles W. Hedges (R)	6645
Dace J. Moore (D)	3608
Blanks	251
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Total	10,504

**REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT
THIRD NORFOLK DISTRICT**

Herbert B. Hollis (R)	7084
Chester W. Nelson (R)	6620
William A. Connell, Jr. (D)	3728
William F. Donoghue (D)	2601
George A. Lydon (D)	3593
George H. Thompson (R)	5125
Scattering	1
Blanks	2760

Total31,512

DISTRICT ATTORNEY—NORFOLK DISTRICT

Joseph F. X. Doherty (D)	3854
Myron N. Lane (R)	6397
Blanks	253

Total10,504

**REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY
NORFOLK COUNTY**

Anna E. Hirsch (R)	8497
Blanks	2007

Total10,504

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER
NORFOLK COUNTY**

Wilfred E. Arcand (D)	3751
Everett M. Bowker (R)	6200
Blanks	553

Total10,504

**COUNTY TREASURER
NORFOLK COUNTY**

Raymond C. Warmington (R)	3571
Blanks	1933

Total10,504

QUESTION #1

A.

YES	6781
NO	2750
Blanks	973

Total10,504

B.

YES	6679
NO	2549
Blanks	1276

Total10,504

C.

YES	7517
NO	1904
Blanks	1083
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Total	10,504

QUESTION #2

A.

YES	6288
NO	3155
Blanks	1061
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Total	10,504

B.

YES	5844
NO	3433
Blanks	1227
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Total	10,504

ORDER FOR RECOUNT

November 9, 1954

Petitions having been received by the Town Clerk for a Recount of the votes cast at the State Election held November 2, 1954 on the office of Representatives in General Court, 3rd Norfolk District, were filed in due time and found to be in proper order with the necessary number of signatures of registered voters in each Precinct checked by the Board of Registrars.

The date, time and place for the Recount was set by the Board of Registrars as for Tuesday, November 23, 1954 at 9 A. M. at the Town Hall.

RECOUNT

Braintree, Mass., November 23, 1954

In accordance with the foregoing mentioned Petition, the Recount was held at 9 A. M. at the Town Hall by the Board of Registrars in accordance with the Provisions of Chapter 54, Section 135, General Laws.

TOTAL NUMBER OF BALLOTS CAST

Original	10,504
Recount	10,505

Precinct Officers Returns

RPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT (Third Norfolk District)

Hollis	648	378	1214	1529	1442	1020	853	7084
Nelson	610	343	1090	1422	1391	945	819	6620
Connell	389	382	732	421	557	634	613	3728
Donoghue	197	263	460	269	393	478	541	2601
Lydon	297	356	628	443	568	597	704	3593
Thompson	434	238	824	1213	1045	736	635	5125
Scattering				1				1
Blanks	230	215	620	459	511	402	323	2760

RECOUNT BY BOARD OF REGISTRARS

REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT (Third Norfolk District)

Hollis	648	378	1219	1528	1443	1020	854	7090
Nelson	611	343	1092	1426	1394	945	817	6628
Connell	388	383	733	414	560	635	618	3731
Donoghue	198	263	459	264	391	479	540	2594
Lydon	301	355	628	441	571	595	704	3595
Thompson	434	239	827	1222	1052	735	634	5143
Scattering				1				1
Blanks	225	214	610	461	499	403	321	2733

Jury List

AS PREPARED BY THE SELECTMEN

Loell, George L., 81 Pond Street	Musician
Abt, Milton, 227 Hayward Street	Elec. Typer
Adams, Sidney T., 57 Wilkins Road	Crane Opr.
Alden, John, 16 Arbutus Avenue	Banking
Aldrich, W. Malcolm, 36 Bellevue Road	Cashier
Alexander, Thomas, 508 Elm Street	Oil Refiner
Allen, Ernest D., 293 Middle Street	Plumber
Allen, George R., 327 Middle Street	Auditor
Allen, Horace E., 170 Pleasant View Avenue	Supt.
Allsopp, Arthur E., 17 Elmwood Park	Metal Wkr.
Allsopp, Harry F., 19 Curtis Place	Laborer
Alves, John J., 37 Maple Street	Photography
Amann, Robina M., 20 Trefton Drive	Secretary
Anderson, George, 105 Cotton Avenue	Machinist
Archer, David M., 48 Whittier Road	Sales Agt.
Atkinson, John J., 9 Fairmount Avenue	Sales Mgr.
Ayer, Helen A., 257 Tremont Street	At Home
Bacon, Francis P., 106 Arborway Drive	Asst. Supt.
Barrett, Francis J., 15 Carter Road	Rubber Wkr.
Barrett, Joseph P., 81 Elmlawn Road	Electrician
Basile, Frank, Jr., 519 Pond Street	Shoe Wkr.
Bates, Marjorie, 25 Cochato Road	Clerk
Beaver, Howard R., 66 Beechwood Road	Clerk
Belyea, Chester A., 16 Mt. Vernon Street	Clerk

Benham, Arthur L., 16 Spruce Street	Manager
Bennett, Charles M., 33 Cochato Road	Clerk
Bergstrom, Gustaf H., 59 Marshall Street	Carpenter
Berquist, Arthur A., 40 Cleveland Avenue	Welder
Bestick, Leroy C., 218 Washington Street	Electrician
Black, Charles A., 114 Hollis Avenue	Printer
Bluemner, Robert, 13 Hamilton Street	Accountant
Bonner, George J., 14 Judson Street	Coppersmith
Bradley, George L., 26 Judson Street	Clerk
Brawley, Anthony T., 12 Beech Street	Electrician
Brock, Walter M., 36 Charles Street	Salesman
Brown, Verna L., 1026 Washington Street	At Home
Buckley, James G., 187 Hollingsworth Avenue	Accountant
Burns, James F., 34 Cochato Road	Salesman
Cahill, John H., 11 Jersey Avenue	Real Estate
Campbell, Frank J., 160 Town Street	Insurance
Campbell, Gertrude D., 37 Harbor Villa Avenue	Stenographer
Canavan, John J., 20 Bellevue Road	Credit Man
Carlino, Angelo M., 9 Hoover Avenue	Burner
Carlozzi, Frank J., 20 Randall Avenue	Ship Wkr.
Carr, Charles F., 1 Circuit Road	Salesman
Cassidy, Joseph P., 79 Bellevue Road	Clerk
Centorino, Anthony J., 630 Pond Street	Meat Cutter
Clancy, Harold J., 5 Birchcroft Road	Inspector
Clapp, A. Warren, 90 Commercial Street	Inspector
Clark, Maynard F., 50 Nelson Street	Manager
Claupain, George J., 200 Commercial Street	Salesman
Cline, William R., 58 Arthur Street	Clerk
Cohon, Emma A., 50 Wilkins Road	At Home
Costantino, Domonic, 9 Crescent Avenue	Builder
Corliss, Guy L., 7 Pleasant Street	Mechanic
Crandall, Albert L., 48 Oak Street	Insurance
Creeden, Edward J., 251 Hancock Street	Retired
Crooker, Pearl E., 20 Dean Street	At Home
Currie, Kathleen A., 15 Frederick Road	At Home
Dacey, William F., 195 Elm Street	Salesman
Delaney, Louise M., 39 Hobart Avenue	At Home
Demers, Theodore M., 40 Summer Street	Rubber Wkr.
Dennehy, Joseph L., 22 Thayer Place	Retired
Derby, Elmer G., 2 Wildwood Avenue	Sales Mgr.
Dhooge, Mary L., 40 Front Street	At Home
Diekmeyer, Frank H., 98 Edgemont Road	Accountant
Donahue, Patrick T., 491 Washington Street	Retired
Donovan, Gail I., 87 Prospect Street, North	At Home
Doyle, Edward L., Jr., 118 Peach Street	Sales Director
Drinkwater, Frederick A., 321 Elm Street	Foreman
Drollett, Robert A., 686 West Street	Florist
Dugan, Mary E., 78 Cedarcliff Road	At Home
Dyer, Warren W., 684 Washington Street	Machinist
Eagan, Paul E., 44 Elmwood Park	Manager
Elliott, Walter C., 101 Prospect Street, North	Auditor
Ellis, Chester O., 117 Adams Street	Electrician
Embree, Leonard W., 61 Columbus Avenue	Purch. Agt.
Eno, Viola M., 92 Tremont Street	At Home
Erickson, E. Maurice, 61 Hawthorn Road	Draftsman
Ewing, Helen R., 60 Central Avenue	At Home

Farina, Michael, 24 Crescent Avenue	Shoe Wkr.
Faulkner, Frank L., 285 Quincy Avenue	Broker
Ferranti, Steven, 105 Pond Street	Compressor
Files, Joseph L., 117 Beechwood Road	Clerk
Flower, Frank J., 159 River Street	Retired
Foley, Paul P., 42 Hillside Road	R. R. Clerk
Foss, Carroll P., 32 Windemere Circle	Salesman
Frazier, Joseph A., 51 River Street	Painter
Frazier, Stephen, 39 Jersey Avenue	Factory Wkr.
Gage, Gardner M., 30 Sheraton Avenue	Clerk
Galebach, Henry, 66 Parkside Circle	Manager
Gallagher, John P., 31 Peach Street	Clerk
Gardner, James F., 161 Jefferson Street	Salesman
Garland, Christopher M., 105 Bickford Road	Retired
Gilman, Harold S., 150 Franklin Street	Clerk
Goldsworthy, A. Raymond, 14 Edgemont Road	Asst. Mgr.
Goodwin, Norman W., 74 Bickford Road	General Elec.
Gorham, Mathias, 23 Boscabel Street	Tel. Co. Empl.
Gray, Marietta S., 61 Columbus Avenue	At Home
Green, R. Dorothy, 250 Shaw Street	At Home
Griffin, Daniel W., 18 River Street	Meat Cutter
Gunville, Louis B., 54 Brookside Road	Electrician
Hadley, John W., 295 Tremont Street	Const. Wkr.
Haley, Charles V., 65 Prospect Street	Int. Decorator
Hallett, Milton B., 7 Victoria Avenue	Gardner
Halpin, James P., 34 Brow Avenue	Shoe Wkr.
Hanrahan, Frederick E., 63 Highland Ave., East	M.T.A. Operator
Hart, John F., Jr., 18 Kenmore Street	Banking
Harvey, Lillian M., 47 Hamilton Street	At Home
Havard, William J., 33 Talbot Road	Train Master
Henderson, Kenneth V., 135 Commercial Street	Banker
Henderson, Samuel A., 221 Commercial Street	Retired
Hill, Benjamin C., 126 Brewster Avenue	Salesman
Hill, Mervin B., 57 Liberty Street	Elec. Supt.
Hird, Graham C., 6 Ardmore Street	Engraver
Hirtle, Darius S., 215 Commercial Street	Shipper
Holbrook, George E., 48 Jersey Avenue	Clerk
Holbrook, Lowell S., 42 Holbrook Avenue	Retired
Hollis, Donald A., 607 Washington Street	Cable Splicer
Hope, Virginia N., 177 Glenrose Avenue	At Home
Horsman, Orra P. K., 21 Wilmarth Road	Salesman
Howes, George E., 427 Washington Street	Laborer
Hughes, William J., 10 Frederick Road	Driller
Huleatt, Helen M., 273 Middle Street	At Home
Huleatt, Thomas R., 273 Middle Street	Clerk
Ialenti, Frank S., 7 Kinghill Road	Shoe Wkr.
Ireland, J. William, 19 Georganna Street	Salesman
Jackson, Nina A., 37 Monatiquot Avenue	At Home
Johnson, Raymond V., 90 Edgehill Road	Salesman
Jones, Edward H., 51 Ash Street	Engineer
Juster, Joseph H., 12 Veranda Road	Sheet Metal Wkr.
Keigan, Ruby, 20 Trefton Drive	At Home
Kelley, Martin J., 135 Liberty Street	Clerk

Killroy, Mary J., 170 Arnold Street	At Home
Kinna, Mabel V., 87 Monatiquot Avenue	At Home
Kuhn, Albert J., 62 Holmes Street	Plumber
Lakewitz, Fred S., 116 Hayward Street	Engineer
La Marine, Francis A., 817 Washington Street	Painter
Lambert, John J., 41 Beechwood Road	Advertising
Landrey, Joseph C., 49 Central Avenue	Cableman
Lathrop, Durant E., 19 Trefton Drive	Clerk
Leo, Jennie, 11 Fairview Avenue	At Home
LeSage, Eugene F., 81 Pond Street	Meat Cutter
Lindblow, Lester W., 17 Brewster Avenue	Sales Mgr.
Litchfield, Alan C., 31 Newton Avenue,	Inspector
Lorusso, Michael, 4 Rose Avenue	Clerk
Lucas, Angie, 241 Plain Street	At Home
Lunn, George, 105 Wilkins Road	Proprietor
Lydon, George A., 268 Quincy Avenue	Retired
MacLennon, Donald R., 50 Cedarcliff Road	Electrician
Mallon, George, 25 Sheppard Avenue	Engineer
Mansfield, Arthur R., 128 Beechwood Road	Manager
Marr, Helen B., 100 Presidents Road	At Home
Masefield, Augustus J., 1 Stetson Street	Civil Engr.
Mattie, James F., 660 Commercial Street	Retired
McCarthy, Eugene F., 1307 Washington Street	Navy Yd. Wkr.
McClellan, Helen A., 36 Oak Street, East	At Home
McCosker, John E., 75 Columbus Avenue	Advtg. Mgr.
McCue, James P., 7 Wainwright Street	Clerk
McCusker, Helen D., 27 Roberts Street	At Home
McDonald, Earl R., 34 Boscabel Street	Press Operator
McDonald, Hugh W., 49 Edgehill Road	Plant Supt.
McLaughlin, Charles H., 19 Bradley Road	Sewer Engr.
McLaughlin, J. Stanley, 334 Middle Street	Retired
McLennan, George A., 74 Beech Street	Accountant
McSharry, Michael, 59 Academy Street	Starter
Messenger, Thomas F., 36 Stetson Street	Clerk
Miller, Penrose R., 92 Brewster Avenue	Foreman
Milner, A. Murray, 40 Harrison Avenue	Ship Wkr.
Mitchelson, Alexander, 28 Willard Street	Draftsman
Moorehead, George K., 16 West Street	Retired
Morrison, Wilbro G., 147 Pleasant View Avenue	Contractor
Moynihan, Henry J., 46 Sagamore Street	Retired
Mulcahy, Joseph W., 111 Hollingsworth Avenue	Sales Repr.
Murray, Stanley C., 44 Quincy Avenue	Manufacturer
Myrbeck, Gertrude G., 15 Primrose Street	At Home
Needham, Howard E., 19 Miller Street	Accountant
Nickson, Charles E., 19 Liberty Street	Salesman
Noren, Carol P., 47 Pleasant Street	At Home
Northup, Emil N., 366 Liberty Street	Accountant
Nott, Warren B., 16 Stetson Street	Engineer
O'Brien, Francis X., 28 Bradley Road	Salesman
O'Brien, John H., 20 Staten Road	P. O. Empl.
O'Neill, John J., 18 Elm Knoll Road	Welder
O'Rourke, Francis J., 39 Columbus Avenue	Clerk
O'Rourke, Marion D., 366 Hancock Street	At Home
Osborn, George R., 581 Liberty Street	Sales Mgr.

Palmer, Margaret C., 69 Edgehill Road	At Home
Perkins, Josephine P., 19 Wynot Road	At Home
Phillips, Lawrence J., 20 Central Avenue	Rate Setter
Pierce, Ellen F., 88 Brow Avenue	At Home
Pillsbury, Orrin C., 65 Peach Street	Manager
Pillsbury, William R., 47 Argyle Road	Leather Wkr.
Piner, William B., 120 School Street	Banking
Potter, Merwin G., 135 Middle Street	Carpenter
Rafuse, Murray G., 10 Abbott Street	Salesman
Randall, Walter B., 13 Clark Street	Insurance
Rennie, Alfred A., 27 Faxon Street	Chipper
Rhoades, William R., 5 Bonnieview Road	Salesman
Richards, Stanley H., 151 Brewster Avenue	Salesman
Rose, Howard J., 19 Spruce Street	Contractor
Ross, Albert W., 527 Granite Street	Gas Sta. Prop.
Sanseverino, Vincent A., 14 Chickatawbut Road	Mechanic
Schluter, Mary E., 132 Jefferson Street	Secretary
Schraut, Alice, 85 Washington Street	At Home
Seabrook, George J., 37 Vine Street	Mechanic
Smith, Cyrus A., 95 West Street	Asst. Mgr.
Snow, Everett D., 121 Beechwood Road	Storekeeper
Snow, Walter H., 27 Bellevue Road	Merchant
Sorgi, Vincent, 18 Waldron Road	Real Est. Sales
Spring, William H., 40 Edgemont Road	Supervisor
Stanley, Robert K., 113 Wildwood Avenue	Salesman
Sullivan, Arthur J., 3 Hoover Avenue	Engineer
Sullivan, Walter F., 23 Kenmore Street	Edison Co.
Sullivan, William L., 12 Bickford Road	Supt.
Tenney, Fred A., 55 Tremont Street	Retired
Townsend, Frederick, 37 Holbrook Avenue	Shoe Wkr.
Trainor, Lawrence A., 360 Union Street	Salesman
Tricomi, Stephen, 18 Jefferson Street	Salesman
Tuck, William G., 165 Arnold Street	Carpenter
Van Gemert, Peter, 72 Plymouth Avenue	Sheet Metal Wkr.
VanZandt, Albert H., 186 Peach Street	Salesman
Venuti, Paul S., 1295 Washington Street	Factory Wkr.
Weathersby, Kirby P., 25 Lisle Street	Estimator
White, Joseph A., 137 River Street	Truck Driver
Whitehouse, Robert J., 16 Edgehill Road	Tax Expert
Wilde, Raymond C., 57 Sherbrooke Avenue	Wool Broker
Wilson, Wallace W., 575 Washington Street	Inspector
Woodsum, George T., 104 Academy Street	Salesman
Whitman, Roland R., 4 Sunset Road	Engineer
Young, Ira R., 50 Waldron Road	Engineer
Zanghi, Domonic, 30 Frederick Road	Machinist

Fire Department

HARRY T. SEARS

Chief of Fire Department

Superintendent of Fire Alarm

In 1954 out of a total of 809 calls of all descriptions, 68 fires resulted with a loss totaling \$44,040.08, with a property valuation involved by fire of \$1,878,260.00, leaving the Town of Braintree in the lower fire loss bracket.

Fire prevention is considered one of the most important duties of the Fire Department. A special effort has been made to increase the number of inspections of all classes of buildings. In 1954 a total of 1500 inspections were made. Fire prevention should be carried out the entire year. With your help we can still lower our fire losses.

The three fire stations are in very good condition except for some minor hurricane damage.

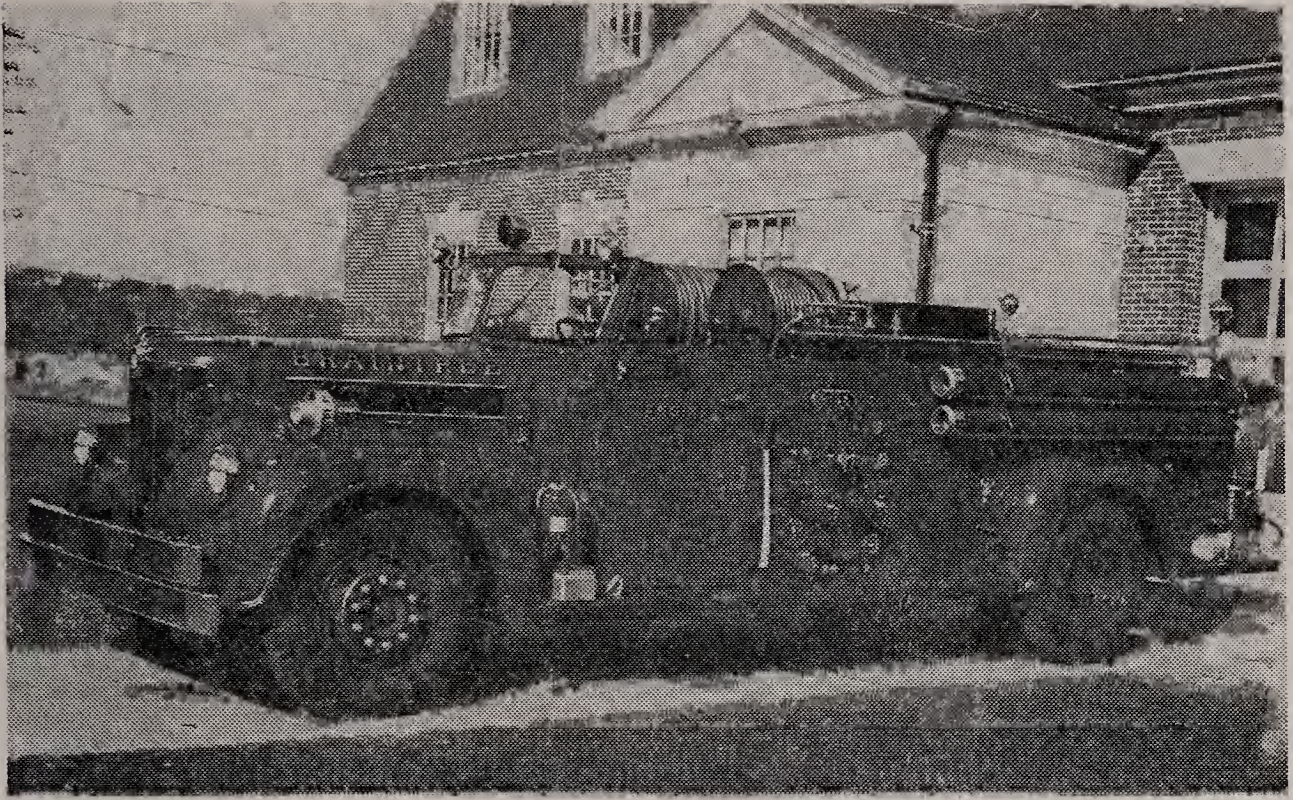
The fire alarm system is in very good condition with 12 new fire alarm boxes added in 1954, 2 Master Boxes for school protection and 10 Street Boxes in new locations.

Due to the increase in population and buildings in the town it is necessary to recommend an increase in personnel for the East Braintree District. This will add a fourth man to cover two pieces of apparatus.

The apparatus and equipment are in very good condition. The new Triple Combination Pumping Engine purchased in 1954 is in service at the East Braintree Station. This piece of apparatus is the latest in fire fighting equipment and is equipped to extinguish all types of fires.

Mutual Aid plays a very important part in the protection of life and property. We are grateful to have automatic Mutual Aid with our neighboring city and towns.

Our two way radio purchased in 1951 with one mobile unit added each year until all apparatus are radio equipped, provides instantaneous and reliable communication between fire headquarters and fire apparatus and men, contributing to the efficiency of the Fire Service.



THE LATEST IN FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT

We still have 4 second class school buildings not protected by automatic sprinkler systems. I have requested the School Committee to continue the sprinkler program of one school building a year until all 2nd and 3rd class school buildings are protected by automatic fire alarm and sprinkler systems.

The large reduction in insurance premiums has in many cases been the prevailing reason for installing automatic sprinklers. Oftentimes the annual savings is sufficient to pay for the sprinkler system in two to four years: it seldom takes over seven or eight years. Regardless of the question of safety which should be the most important feature for the safety of our school children and school buildings, sprinkler protection is an excellent investment.

STATE LAW—Upon the approach of any fire apparatus which is going to a fire or responding to an alarm, every person driving a vehicle on a way shall immediately drive said vehicle as far as possible toward the right hand curb or side of said way and shall keep the same at a standstill until such fire apparatus has passed. No person shall drive a vehicle over a hose of a fire department without the consent of a member of such department. No person shall drive a vehicle within eight hundred feet of any fire apparatus going to a fire or responding to an



BRAINTREE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN ACTION

alarm, nor drive said vehicle or park or leave the same unattended, within six hundred feet of a fire or within the fire lines established thereat by the fire department. Violations of any provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars.

Fuel oil in excess of ten gallons shall not be kept in a structure without a permit having been obtained from the head of the Fire Department. In 1954 there were 538 inspections of fuel oil burner installations. These installations are increasing every year. A person, firm or corporation shall not make nor alter a fuel oil burner installation until a certificate of competency has been obtained from the State Fire Marshall.

A permit is required from the head of the Fire Department for the installation and storage of Liquified Petroleum Gas systems. Twenty-eight permits were issued in 1954 for such installations, also 37 permits for blasting and 450 permits for fires in open air.

Supervised drills and schooling in the department are carried on the entire year to keep abreast of the most advanced fire fighting techniques and equipment.

Braintree Housing Authority, Inc.

ERNEST J. JANSSEN, Chairman	
WILLIAM J. GUSTAFSON	JOHN E. MALONEY
Vice Chairman	Treasurer
PAUL P. FOLEY	CARL R. JOHNSON, JR.
Asst. Treasurer	Member
HAROLD C. PEARL, Executive Director	

The exteriors of all dwellings and interiors of many were painted during the current year.

As a result of periodic inspections by Authority members and services of a regularly employed maintenance man the properties have been maintained in very good condition.

In this connection, it may be well to state that repairs due to ordinary wear are made without expense to the tenant; however, repairs to damage caused by tenant negligence, are chargeable to the tenant.

Because of improved financial status some veterans have found themselves above the income limits. Many have purchased their own homes and in so doing have made it possible for a low income veteran and family to secure accommodations in the project. By Court Order the few remaining over-income veterans have been given until March 1, 1955 to secure other accommodations.

The 90 single houses, comprising 50 four-room and 40 five-room dwellings, have been in continuous occupancy, although there have been a number of changes in tenants. It is imperative for the economic management of the project that the non-occupancy periods are held to a minimum, so as to meet fixed charges and operating expenses.

UNION VILLAGE PROJECT

Eight of the twelve original buildings of this project have been torn down. At this writing there are seven families remaining in one BUILDING, none of whom are eligible for Chapter 200 homes. In compliance with the resolution passed at the annual Town Meeting of 1954 where it was recommended that the remaining buildings

be torn down by December 31, 1954, the Authority has instituted action whereby, if necessary, the remaining tenants must vacate the premises prior to a deadline to be determined. Three of the remaining buildings are unoccupied and the Authority has advertised for bids for their removal.

Board of Appeal
Under The Zoning By-Law

During the year 1954 the board heard 33 petitions; allowed 20; and denied 10. No action was required on 3 of the petitions for various reasons, such as withdrawal by the petitioner or failure of the petitioner to appear at the hearing.

HERBERT J. REDMAN
EARL R. GRANT
ROBERT A. WOODSUM
MERVIN B. HILL

Wiring Inspector
ARTHUR F. LUCAS, Inspector
GEORGE W. CHARLESWORTH, Deputy

Permits Issued 1954:

New Houses	347
New Schools	2
Miscellaneous	976
Total permits issued	1,325

Fees collected from January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954—\$2,651.75.

Tree Warden

I hereby submit the annual report for the year 1954.

The recent hurricanes, Carol and Edna, caused considerable damage to the trees of our town. Many large trees were uprooted and others damaged beyond saving. Many trees will have to be removed and replaced with new trees. It was unfortunate that the hurricanes came so early in the season, as at that period of the year the trees were heavily leaved which provided the resistance which was the primary cause of the serious tree damage. Fortunately, we now have a tree bank sufficient to supply many trees for future planting.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Highway, Sewer, Water, Police, Fire and Electric Light Departments; the Braintree National Guard, the Auxiliary Police, the Short Wave Radio Division of the Civil Defense and all others who helped in any way during the hurricane emergencies.

Appropriated and expended for

General Care of Trees..... \$1,750

Appropriated and expended for

the Removal of Trees \$2,615

Summary

	Appropriated	Expended	Unexpended
Salary Transfer			
(Hurricanes)	\$1,040.00	\$1,040.00	
Salary	1,800.00	1,725.00	\$ 75.00
General Care	1,750.00	1,750.00	
Appendix	2,615.00	2,500.00	115.00
New Trees	500.00	497.69	2.31
Tree Bank	500.00	500.00	
Totals	\$8,205.00	\$8,012.69	\$192.31

JOHN F. LEETCH,

Tree Warden.

Harbor Master

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town of Braintree

The following activities came under the direction of the Harbor Master during the year 1954:

All available mooring space in the river was in use this year (32).

On May 29th a 14-foot dory belonging to Mr. John Keenan of 74 Edgemont Road was reported missing. This boat was later recovered.

On June 23rd, Port of Boston, Chief Engineer George L. Wey reported the loss of a 16-foot boat. This boat was recovered June 25th by the Weymouth Harbor Master.

On September 9th the outboard motor belonging to Mr. Arthur E. Buigny of 61 Charles Street, East Weymouth, was taken from a boat at the Braintree Yacht Club. It was never recovered.

Dredging of the Weymouth Fore River

On January 17, 1954, the dyke holding back the silt which had been dredged from the Metropolitan Yacht Club Basin, broke, filling the channel. The Selectmen were notified immediately and on Monday, January 18, the Port of Boston Authority inspected the area and took pictures of it. The Authority stated they would have the damage repaired "as soon as the weather improved." This was not done.

All interested parties were notified of a hearing which was held in the Auditorium of the Department of Public Works on July 20th which concerned several South Shore waterways problems, including the dredging of the Weymouth Fore River from the Shaw Street Bridge to the Metropolitan Yacht Club in East Braintree. Seven persons attended this hearing with Representative Herbert B. Hollis acting as spokesman.

Subsequent to this hearing, on August 18, a survey party was organized for the purpose of inspecting the channel. Your Harbor Master provided the necessary transportation. The Department of Public Works was

represented by Mr. Rudolphe Bessette, Director of the Waterways Division, and Mr. Robert MacKinnon, Chief Engineer. Several interested citizens completed the party.

A second survey, requested by Mr. MacKinnon, was made on September 2. Commissioner of Public Works John A. Volpe, with Messrs. Bessette and MacKinnon were in this group.

Since then Representative Hollis has conducted two meetings at the office of your Harbor Master. A committee of nine, representing Braintree and Weymouth, has been appointed to meet with Commissioner Volpe and Director Bessette for the purpose of presenting our reasons for requesting the River be dredged promptly. The committee is continuing its work on this project.

Respectfully submitted,

SEWARD W. TABER,
Harbor Master

EARL F. CONNORS,
Asst. Harbor Master.

Building Inspector

JOHN C. PAFFORD, Building Inspector

DANIEL A. MALONEY, Deputy

	Permits Issued	Estimated Values
Dwellings	347	\$2,543,950.00
Garages (Private)	22	11,350.00
School	1	161,710.00
Factory	1	8,500.00
Restaurant	1	35,000.00
Warehouses	5	49,200.00
Offices	2	6,500.00
All other new construction	7	4,730.00
Additions, Alterations & Repairs.	216	191,958.00
Razing	17	
Estimated value of construction..		\$3,012,898.00
Fees received for permits.....		3,175.00
Total permits issued		619

Engineering Department

J. WARREN CUFF, Town Engineer

Lines and grades were furnished to the Highway Department for the following:

Road Construction—Azel Road, 310 feet; Marshfield Road, 270 feet; Home Park Road, 335 feet; Walnut Street, 520 feet; Boscobel Street, 115 feet.

Sidewalks—Hunt Avenue, 620 feet.

Drains—Wayne Avenue, 750 feet; Nickerson Road, 180 feet; Commercial Street, 460 feet; Brookside Road, 250 feet; Oakland Street, 250 feet.

Gutter Grades—River Street, Amherst Road, Peach Street.

Plans were prepared for: Layouts of Marshfield Road, Forest Street and Home Park Road; Drain Easements—Farm Road.

Miscellaneous Projects:

Park Department—Lines and grades were furnished for playground at Faxon Park; Survey and plan of Park off Washington Street, Dyer Hill; Layouts of baseball fields at Watson Park, French's Common, Hollingsworth Park, Lakeside School; Staking girls' hockey field at Hollis Playground; Staked out basketball court at Watson Park; Staked out two tennis courts at Hollis Field.

Water Department—Location of survey stakes on Oak Street, Randolph; Location of hydrant at corner of Berwick Street and Shaw Street.

Electric Light Department—Pole locations staked on Elm Knoll Road, No. Bowditch Street, Cypress Street, Pearl Street, Walnut Street, Peach Street, Liberty Street, Vinedale Road, Home Park Road, Center Street, Lincoln Street.

Police Department—Accident surveys and plans at corner of Washington Street and Hillside Road, corner of Elm Street and Shaw Street, corner of Elm Street, Hayward Street and Commercial Street.

All deeds and subdivisions were checked and plotted accordingly on Assessors Plans, together with three hundred twenty-five new houses, also additions and other buildings. Eight new Assessors Plans were drawn.

Department of Veterans' Services

GEORGE A. SHORTLE, Director

The facilities of this Department are available to Veterans and their dependants, at all times, for assistance, consultation and advice on matters pertaining to all phases of problems of the veteran and their families.

A more liberalized program was effected in July by the Commonwealth which, in turn, had a monetary effect upon our budget.

Our case load for the past year has been increased due to heavy medical expenses and unemployment.

Unemployment has showed a sharp upward trend in November and December and indications point that this situation is not improving.

Highway Department

JOHN Q. WENTWORTH, Superintendent

Maintenance

Streets and sidewalks were cleaned throughout the Town. The business centers were cleaned daily.

All catch basins and drains were cleaned.

Drains were repaired where needed.

Patching—Repairs

Town Streets, Sidewalks, Fences and Guard Rails were repaired where needed.

Street Resurfacing

Surface treated about 72,475 lin. ft.

Sewer Trenches and Streets treated and honed about 18,116 lin. ft.

Used 94,503 gallons of Asphalt MC 3.

Signs—New

Not a Thru Way	4
Bridge Clearance	6
Street Signs	18
School Zone	6
Curve	2
No Parking	12

Street Painting

Cross walks at all Schools, Streets, Intersections that were recommended by the Selectmen and the Police.

Snow Removal

All streets were plowed and sanded as soon as possible.

Salting begins in Business Centers, Main Streets, Hills and Intersections as soon as snow covered the ground.

Salt used 58 Tons.

Sand used 1174 Tons.

New Construction

Middle Street	200 Lin. ft.
Pond Street—Sullivan's Wall	142 Lin. ft.
Brookside Road—Fence	600 Lin. ft.

**New Construction Sidewalks Resurfaced
(Asphalt Concrete 1")**

Hollis Ave.	1900 Lin. Ft.
Liberty St.	1500 Lin. Ft.
Franklin St.	6500 Lin. Ft.
Bellevue Rd.	1500 Lin. Ft.
Fairview Ave.	600 Lin. Ft.
Cedar St.	1000 Lin. Ft.

New Construction Streets Resurfaced (Asphalt Concrete)
Commercial St. 1400 Lin. Ft.**New Construction Drains**

Wayne Ave.	800 Lin. Ft.—12" Concrete Pipe
Middle St.	500 Lin. Ft.—12" Concrete Pipe
Commercial St.	500 Lin. Ft.—12" Concrete Pipe

Chapter 90 Maintenance

Washington St.	3000 Lin. Ft.
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Chapter 90 Construction

Hayward St.	1900 Lin. Ft.
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Streets Completed By Private Developers

Lavoli Ave.; Water St.; Cain Ave.; Deigan Ave.; Lawson Lane; Paul St.; Bestick Rd.; Joseph Rd.; Nicholas Rd.; Alfred Rd.; Francine Rd.; Cindy Lane; Farm Rd.; Herbert Rd.; Baker Ave.; Conrad St.; Armstrong Circle.

Streets Under Construction By Private Developers

Moreland Ave.; Celia Rd.; Phyllis Ave.; Virginia Ave.; Milton Rd.; Worthington Cir.; Marcia Rd.; Burdock Rd.; Blossom Rd.; Partridge Hill Rd.; Brierwood Rd.

Improvement of Streets Under the Betterment Act

Berwick St.	343 Lin. St.
Thayer Rd.	200 Lin. Ft.
Boscobel St. Ext.	100 Lin. Ft.
Storrs Ave.	800 Lin. Ft.

Rubbish Collection

Collections are made monthly, beginning the FIRST MONDAY in Precincts 1 and 2.

The SECOND MONDAY in Precincts 3 and 4.

The THIRD MONDAY in Precincts 5 and 6.

Holidays falling on a Monday: Rubbish will begin the following day.

Moth Department

JOHN Q. WENTWORTH, Superintendent

PRIVATE PROPERTY SPRAYING

85 applications were received and work performed.

The procedure for spraying on private property: For other than Elm trees, the party for whom the spraying is to be done, makes application and payment to the Town Treasurer, who in turn forwards to us a copy of the receipt of payment. The copy of the receipt is our authority to spray.

DUTCH ELM DISEASE

138 samples of suspected trees were sent to the University of Massachusetts Shade Tree Laboratories, at Amherst, Mass.

The report of their diagnosis is as follows:

Diseased	112
Sterile	26

Contracts were let for removal of diseased trees; and all have been removed.

Parks and Playground Commissioners

During the past year the Braintree Board of Parks and Playground Commissioners has operated seven playgrounds and three swimming areas. Use of the park facilities and the recreation areas were at an all time high. An average of 500 children attended the playgrounds daily during the summer and over 400 children took part in the swimming instruction program. Additional hundreds of townspeople enjoy the swimming at the Town's beaches.

New construction on existing playgrounds and development of new recreational facilities has been under the direction of the Park Supervisor, Charles F. Abell. A new playground has been constructed at Faxon Street; new baseball diamonds have been built and additional facilities for basketball, tennis and volley ball have been added to many playgrounds.

The two hurricanes did a good deal of damage, destroying over 30 shade trees and some pieces of permanent equipment on the parks. Plans have been completed to replace all equipment and to plant new trees to take the place of those destroyed during the storms.

The Board of Parks and Playgrounds Commissioners is making every effort to improve and to expand the Town's park system in order to keep abreast with the increase in the Town's population. This increase is re-



After



Before

NEW COMBINATION TENNIS AND BASKETBALL COURT AT HOLLIS FIELD

flected in the additional number of children using the playgrounds, particularly the number of younger children. The Commissioners realize that there is an increased demand for the use of the playgrounds by Little League, Cub Scouts, industrial organizations and others. During the coming year we will make every reasonable effort to meet these demands and at the same time to continue our own Organized Play and Swimming Programs.

GEORGE F. LEBEN, Chairman
 DR. EDGAR L. COPP
 EARL C. HOLLIS
 ELMER E. RAYMOND, JR.
 HARRY F. VINTON, JR.
 GEORGE H. SNYDER, JR.
 WILLIAM G. DYER

Board of Parks and Playgrounds Commissioners

Sealer of Weights and Measures

CALVIN E. YOUNG

I herewith submit the annual report as required by the General Laws, Chapter 98, Section 34.

The measuring and weighing devices in the Town were tested and found in excellent condition. A number of retests were made after sealing. Regular inspections

of pre-packaged meats were made. \$583.05 received in sealing and adjusting was turned in to the Town Treasurer. One complaint was received concerning an overcharge on a package of meat made by a store in Quincy. As the buyer did not desire to testify in court, the store operator was visited by the Quincy sealer and myself and a satisfactory adjustment was made to the buyer.

I wish to thank the Town Officials and the business men of Braintree for their cooperation.

Following is a summary of the work done during the year:

	Adjusted	Sealed	Not Sealed	Con-demned
Scales over 10,000 lbs.		6		
Scales 100 to 5000 lbs.		32	1	1
Scales under 100 lbs.	7	144	2	2
Weights:				
Avoirdupois	3	104		
Metric		64		
Apothecary		89		
Vehicle Tanks:				
First 100 gallons		15		
Each additional 100 gallons		170		
Liquid measures under 1 gal.		12		
Meters:				
Inlet under 1 inch	9	99	4	
Inlet over 1 inch	10	62		
Pumps, Kerosene, Oil or Grease		45	13	
Yardsticks		8		
Totals	29	850	20	3

Reweighing Inspection

	Tested	Correct	Over	Under
Bread	8	4	4	
Butter	5		3	2
Cheese	3	1	2	
Dry Commodities	4		4	
Fruits and Vegetables	20		18	2
Meats and Provisions	12	6	2	4
Totals	52	11	33	8

Inspections

Paper cartons	3
Pedlar's Licenses	8
Food Packages	850
Thermometers	2
Scales tested after sealing . .	21

CALVIN E. YOUNG.

Civil Defence Agency

Despite several handicaps, the Civil Defense Agency continued to show progress during the year 1954.

The Auxiliary Police and the Communications Division were active during both hurricanes and during Hurricane Edna, these two arms of Civil Defense were able to aid the Electric Light Department to such a degree that the town was destored to normal electric service in a much shorter time than would have been possible.

Early in 1955, the Civil Defense Agency will move to new and enlarged quarters in the basement of the old Thayer Library. This move was made possible through the cooperation of Mr. George Watson, Superintendent of Braintree Water Department. The Civil Defense Agency is grateful for his cooperation and the cooperation of all other department heads who worked with them.

JAMES G. CARROLL,

Director,
Civil Defense Agency

Planning Board

JOSEPH M. MAGALDI, Chairman

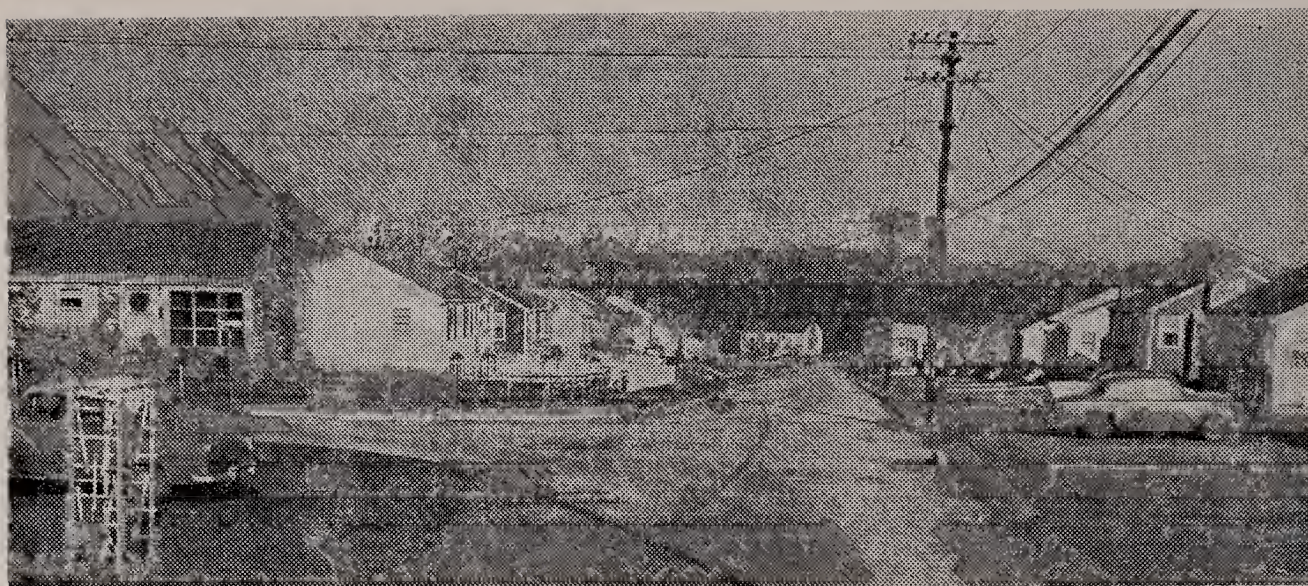
RALPH M. SOULE, Clerk

EDWARD J. ROSE

MITCHELL W. GAWLOWICZ WILLIAM G. DYER

J. WARREN CUFF, Ex-Officio

The continued activity in building during the year 1954 has given the Planning Board little time for municipal planning other than subdivision control. All members of the Board feel that a long-range study of the



A TYPICAL STREET CONSTRUCTED WITHOUT COST TO TOWN
UNDER PLANNING BOARD SUBDIVISION CONTROL

town's need for playgrounds, parkways, schools, and parking facilities is a function of the Planning Board, but as long as the current building activity continues, the time of the Board must be spent in protecting the interests of the town with regard to streets and utilities in new housing developments. During the year, 29 official meetings of the Board were held and 11 public hearings conducted involving 28 public ways. Several other informal meetings were held to discuss problems with developers and other town departments.

Since January 1, 1954, 3.38 miles of new streets have been constructed in Braintree in accordance with the regulations of this board and are in suitable condition to be accepted by the town as public ways at no expense to the taxpayers.

We are concerned regarding the locations of the State's proposed Southeast Expressway and the new Route 128 as they affect Braintree; present plans call for completing the first section of the Southeast Expressway only as far as Capen's Bridge. This, we feel, would present grave traffic problems which could be avoided by constructing that portion of the highway through the town to a point where traffic could be more adequately handled. We have attended hearings held by the State relative to the location of the highway, have conferred with State officials, and are doing everything possible to see that it will be so located and its portions so terminated as to serve the town with the minimum of inconvenience.

Due to the difficulty in disposing of sewage on house lots in the unsewered areas of the town, an article was placed in the warrant for the annual town meeting, calling for an increase in lot area from 7,500 square feet to 12,500 square feet in Residence B Zone and from 15,000 to 20,000 square feet in Residence A Zone. This was unanimously voted by the town in March 1954. Certain other articles were drawn and acted upon favorably, calling for revisions of the Zoning By-Law and Zoning map to provide additional industrial areas in an effort to attract industry to the town. The Board feels that these new industrial areas offer excellent potentialities and will attract industry which will be a credit to the town.

The revisions of the General Laws relating to municipal planning which were passed by the 1953 Legislature have necessitated revising our rules and regulations controlling subdivisions. The suggested rules and regulations prepared by the Division of Planning of the Massachusetts Department of Commerce have been of considerable assistance to the Board in preparing the regulations for Braintree because of the complications in the planning laws. Considerable thought, time, and effort have gone into the preparation of these regulations, and the Board believes that the result will be better control over new subdivisions which will become assets to the town. One of the major changes provides more stringent specifications for roadway construction in new subdivisions. This should represent a real saving in highway maintenance in the town in future years.

The work of the Planning Board dovetails with the work of many town departments, as well as the Board of Parks and Playgrounds and the School Site Survey Committee. Grateful appreciation of the cooperation of those boards, departments, and committees is hereby acknowledged. We particularly express our sincere appreciation to the personnel of the Town Engineer's office, especially to Mr. J. Warren Cuff, Acting Town Engineer, who has been of invaluable service to us during the entire year.

Water Commissioners

To the Citizens of Braintree:

The Town continues to grow and with its growth the problems of the Water Department increase. During the past years we have carried an item averaging \$30,000.00 in our budget for main pipe extensions and each year the increasing costs of operation have made it impossible for us to install much more than one-half of our main pipe budget, the balance going for emergency needs. This year we are confronted with a new housing development in Braintree Highlands (something over 150 houses) necessitating our installing a new 10" artery in Peach Street in order to maintain necessary fire protection in this area. The cost of this will be between \$40,000 and \$45,000. It will be well over 100 years before this housing development pays for this improvement.

The pressure for additional arteries and main pipe extensions continues in other sections of the Town and increases each year as the population increases. In order to bring our piping system up to proper standard it would call for an outlay today of over \$400,000.00 and at least one-third of this cost would be chargeable to fire protection, yet we receive in hydrant rental \$25.00 per hydrant with an aggregate of approximately \$16,000.00. The State Department of Corporations and Taxation, Division of Accounts, has advised us that we should have \$40.00 per hydrant as fair and reasonable when you consider the amount of money that we have spent for fire protection.

In 1946 we made extensive improvements to our water system which cost \$242,000.00 of which \$180,000.00 was for new water mains. In 1954 we borrowed \$45,000.00 for the construction of the new standpipe on West Street. This money is being amortized over a 15-year period.

On January 1, 1955 we had paid off on the \$242,000.00 loan \$137,000.00 leaving a balance of \$105,000.00 still unpaid. In the not too distant future we will be under necessity of making further improvements to the system principally in the form of additional water mains. We are anxious, however, to get behind us as much of this original investment of \$242,000.00 as possible before

we enter into any further substantial borrowing. It will be 1961 before this is entirely paid and during this time we will be obliged to pay an average of approximately \$16,000.00 each year for principal and interest.

In addition to the main water extensions which will be required we will be obliged to approach the consideration of an additional water supply and possibly the extension of our Filtration Plant. In the interest of economy we want to defer entering into the Metropolitan system as long as possible.

Our Superintendent continues his efficient services not only in the interest of the Water Department but in the supervision of the Water Shed of the joint towns of Randolph, Holbrook and Braintree from whence we draw our water. Through his services we have been able to save thousands of dollars which we otherwise would have been obliged to pay to supervising engineers for their services.

The Superintendent's Report giving detailed data on the activities of the department is attached herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS E. SEARS, Chairman

JOSEPH LANDERS

WILLARD P. SHEPPARD

Board of Water Commissioners.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

To the Braintree Water Commissioners:

I hereby submit for your consideration the Sixty-Fourth Annual Report of the Water Supply System, including a Financial Report and a List of Work Performed.

This has been a very busy year for the Department; additions to our Distribution System amounted to 18,036 feet of main pipe, 101 gate valves, 31 hydrants and 373 new service connections. Thirty-eight old services have been renewed and repairs have been made on 53 old services.

The lowering of grade, during the reconstruction of Hayward Street, necessitated the relaying of 420 feet of

12 inch pipe. Ten fire hydrants were damaged, five of which were repaired and five replaced with new ones.

A chain link fence has been erected around the Elevated Storage Tank in Braintree Highlands and two old trucks have been replaced with new ones.

As an experiment this department, along with the Randolph and Holbrook Departments, opened up certain areas of Great Pond for fishing during a two week period in July. About 200 permits were issued by us to residents of Braintree. The experiment proved fairly successful, but the fishing enthusiasts failed to catch the number of fish they had anticipated.

The new standpipe at Dearing Park was completed and put into service during the latter part of June. Plans for removing the old standpipe were postponed as the price of scrap metal has been very low.

The Reservoirs have remained full throughout the year as 1954 was the wettest year in about 75 years.

The old Thayer Library Building was turned over to this department last spring and after extensive alterations were made, we moved in on November 22nd. We now have a very pleasant office to work in and have ample space for all of our records. Permission has been granted the Civilian Defense Agency to occupy the rear section of the basement, and one room on the main floor is used by the Historical Society.

It is a pleasure to thank you for the valuable cooperation, support and assistance which you have accorded me this year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE N. WATSON,
Superintendent.

Financial Statement

Outstanding January 1, 1954

Current Bills	\$ 29,073.93
Liens Committed to	
Assessors	1,184.58
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	\$ 30,258.51

Charges Made	227,913.24	
Abatements		
Water	\$ 4.40	
Disclaimed Lien	18.15	22.55
		<u>227,890.69</u>
		\$258,149.20

Collections		
Current Bills	223,927.13	
Liens Committed	4,927.19	
		<u>228,854.32</u>

Outstanding December 31, 1954		\$ 29,294.88
On Current Bills	28,454.83	
On Liens Committed to		
Assessors	840.05	
		<u>\$ 29,294.88</u>

Cash

A. REGULAR ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1954 ...	\$ 23,903.17*	
Collections	228,854.32	
Refunds received	54,71	
		<u>\$252,812.20</u>
Expenditures		226,459.75
		<u>\$26,352.45*</u>
Balance December 31, 1954..		
*Petty Cash of \$200.00 Not Included		

B. STANDPIPE ACCOUNT

Cash Transfer in 1953.....	\$ 28,000.00	
Borrowed in 1954	45,000.00	
		<u>73,000.00</u>
Spent in 1953	6,366.85	
Spent in 1954	57,340.82	
		<u>63,707.67</u>
UNEXPENDED BALANCE ..		<u>\$ 9,292.33</u>

Board of Selectmen

JOHN W. MAHAR, Chairman

HERBERT B. HOLLIS, Clerk

FRED A. TENNEY

The Board of Selectmen met regularly during 1954 on the first, second and fourth Monday of each month and in addition held many special meetings either to accommodate the public or to meet emergency situations. Space does not permit a detailed account of the many activities of the Board at those meetings; such details rest in a complete record of those meetings which is regularly kept as a public record by the Board of Selectmen.

In many respects, of course, the year has provided the normal grist for the Selectmen's mill. In a growing Town there are always persons with real or fancied grievances who feel that the Town departments should render more services for their benefits. The most frequent type of such complaint which comes to the Selectmen is the oft repeated request for improvement, either to the physical facilities of our Highway, or of the use of them. Where such complaints or requests appear to be justified the Selectmen, with the full co-operation of the Highway Superintendent, have, so far as appropriations have permitted, endeavored to make such improvements or corrections in our highway facilities as seemed to be required. With reference to the use of our highways there have been various minor revisions. The Selectmen are normally reluctant to make such revisions unless they are obviously required, since experience has taught, that what one section may deem beneficial, may have reaction to the detriment of another section, and they must consider the best interests of the whole Town rather than individual desires.

Much time has been spent sitting as a Licensing Board considering the propriety for issuing various types of permits and licenses. In this scope of their function as a Licensing Board they have heard and acted upon a somewhat increased number of complaints of violations of the Liquor Control Act; in most instances these complaints have been for alleged sales to minors. Again, the Selectmen plead for the co-operation of parents who have any information that their minor children have been served Alcoholic Beverages on the premises of any

BRAINTREE LICENSEE. Although this business seems to be under reasonable control in the Town of Braintree it is the intention of the Board to deal firmly with any violations of this sort in order to protect our inexperienced youth from potential abuses.

Aside from the foregoing normal problems there was much that was unusual in the year arising from one word "WEATHER".

First, it was noticable that there were many complaints relating to the fact that our surface drainage system did not appear to be adequate.

We trust that, in those instances, where we were unable to give individual assistance that the citizens will recall that the rainfall during 1954 was more than 50% over the average rainfall. It follows that in a normal year the drainage problems will not be so aggravated as they were during the extraordinary wet year of 1954.

In addition to the unusual rainfall of 1954 we were struck by two disasters named "CAROL" and "EDNA" which littered our streets with debris and interrupted our normal electric service. In these occasions the Selectmen acted immediately in declaring "AN EMERGENCY" in order to waste no time in commencing the RESTORATION WORK.

We offer, and, the Public should offer, the highest praise to our regular protective departments as well as to the Auxiliary Police, Civil Defense Communications Group and the National Guard for their efforts in coping with these emergencies.

Repairs, of course, involve a very substantial expenditure of money largely on highways and light plant. Most of these, however, it is hoped will be reimbursable from the State under special legislation passed at a Emergency Session of the Legislature. Claims for such reimbursement have been filed, on behalf of the Town, amounting to more than \$60,000.00

In closing the years' report we should note, with regret and thanks, the resignation of Mr. John J. Drink-

water from the office of Town Engineer which he has filled for many years with ability and high fidelity. At the end of the year the Selectmen are seeking a worthy qualified successor.

Police Department

Braintree, Massachusetts January 1, 1955

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town of Braintree, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report of the activities of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1954.

ARRESTS

Whole Number	525
Male	502
Female	23

No. 1—Crimes Against Person

	Male	Female
Assault & Battery	11	0
Threats	0	1
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	11	1

No. 2—Crimes Against Property

B & E & Larceny	12	0
Concealing Leased Property ...	2	0
Larceny	18	0
Malicious Mischief	2	0
Receiving Stolen Property	2	0
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	36	0

No. 3—Crimes Against Public Order

Committing Affray	3	0
Delinquency	11	0
Drunkenness	145	2
Motor Vehicle Laws, Violation	132	10
Non-Support	12	0
Non-Payment Wages	1	0



POLICE DEPARTMENT NEW EQUIPMENT

Operating Motor Vehicle Under Influence	23	1
Operating Motor Vehicle so as to Endanger	7	1
Traffic Laws, Violation	95	6
Vagrancy	1	0
Violation Probation	4	0
Violation Town By-Laws	6	2
Weapons Carrying	5	0
Arrests for Out of Town Police.	10	0
	<hr/> 455	<hr/> 22

COMPLAINTS, Etc.

Ambulance Trips	419
Buildings Found Open	495
Cat Complaints	145
Car Trips	156
Dog Complaints	573
Dog Bites Reported	83
Fire Alarms Answered	126
Drunk Releases	88

Holes in Street Reported		69
Insane Persons	MR	4
	FR	4
	MNR	0
	FNR	1
Lanterns Put Out		29
Lodging		6
Messages Delivered		174
Miscellaneous Complaints		2939
Missing Persons	MR	40
	FR	36
	MNR	11
	FNR	6
Night Lights Out		13
Permit to Labor		18
Permit to Purchase Firearms		29
Stolen Autos, Braintree		7
Recovered		10
Street Lights Reported Out		121
Sudden Death	MR	7
	FR	7
	MNR	1
	FNR	0
Vacant Houses Checked		279
Wagon Trips		83

Code: On Missing Persons, Sudden Deaths & Insane Cases

FR—Female Resident

MR—Male Resident

MNR—Male Non-Resident

FNR—Female Non-Resident

EDWARD D. CAHILL, Chief

Braintree, Massachusetts January 1, 1955

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Town of Braintree, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report of the activities of the Police Department with regards to Traffic for the year ending Dec. 31, 1954.

ACCIDENTS

Minor	213
Serious	160
Fatal	5

Cases Prosecuted in Court

	Male	Female
Operating M V so as to Endanger	7	1
Operating M V under Influence..	23	1
Violation of Motor Vehicle Laws	132	10
Violation of Traffic Rules & Regulations	95	6
Violation of Parking & Meter Regulations	170	28
	<hr/> 427	<hr/> 46

Cases reported to Registrar for action on Licenses

Unlawful Speed	69	2
Operating M V after Drinking...	24	2
Passing School Bus	11	3
Other Violations	17	2
	<hr/> 121	<hr/> 9

Violations of Traffic & Meter Regulations

1—Vehicle on Crossing	17
2—Too Close to Hydrant	2
3—Parking without Lights	16
4—Wrong side of Street	89
5—Motor Running	4
6—Restricted Place	278
7—Defiance of Corner Law	24
8—Right Wheels not at Curb	33
9—Double Parking	11
10—Meter Violations Meter Expired.....	251
Failure to Deposit Coin	63
11—All Night Parking	42
12—All Other Violations	42
	<hr/> 872

Violations Committed by:

Residents	465
Non-Residents	407

EDWARD D. CAHILL, Chief.

Board of Public Welfare

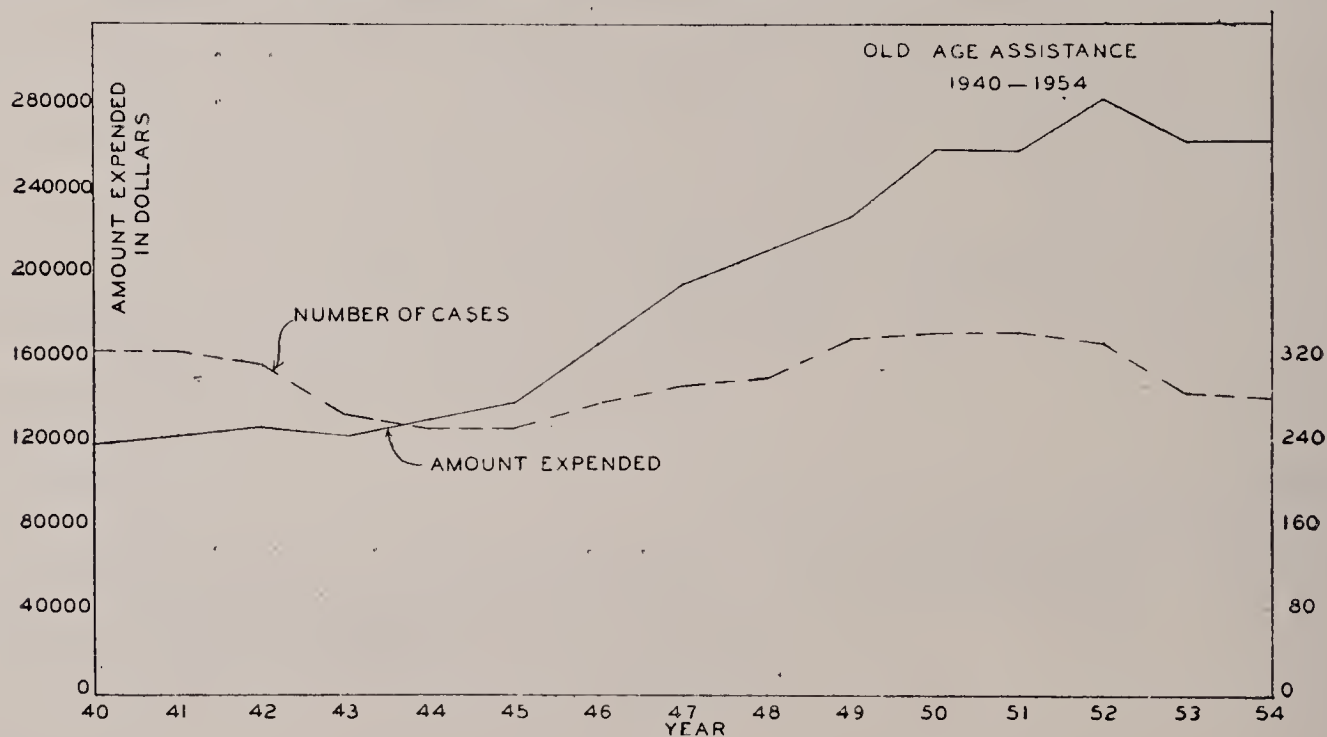
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FRED A. TENNEY, Clerk

HERBERT B. HOLLIS, Member

H. J. GAFFNEY, Agent

Assistance rendered under the Board of Public Welfare is based solely on need. The various categories are Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children, Disability Assistance and General Relief. The Town Infirmary is also under the Board of Public Welfare. The Department of Public Welfare of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has prescribed a budgetary system which we are required to follow to determine payments to the several recipients under Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children and Disability Assistance. Exclusive of the Federal and State reimbursements which are received monthly, we also have available as a savings from our 1954 operations, an amount of \$41,177.69 of Federal Grants, which amount is being deducted from the 1955 Town appropriation. In 1954 the State Department of Public Welfare put into effect a "Medical Care Plan." Hospital rates increased from \$12.00 to \$14.00 per day. Doctors rates increased from \$2.00 to \$3.00 for office visits, \$3.00 to \$4.00 for home visits. Visiting Nurse home visits from \$1.62 to \$2.00. Convalescent home from \$25.00 and \$30.00 per week to \$28.00 and \$35.00.

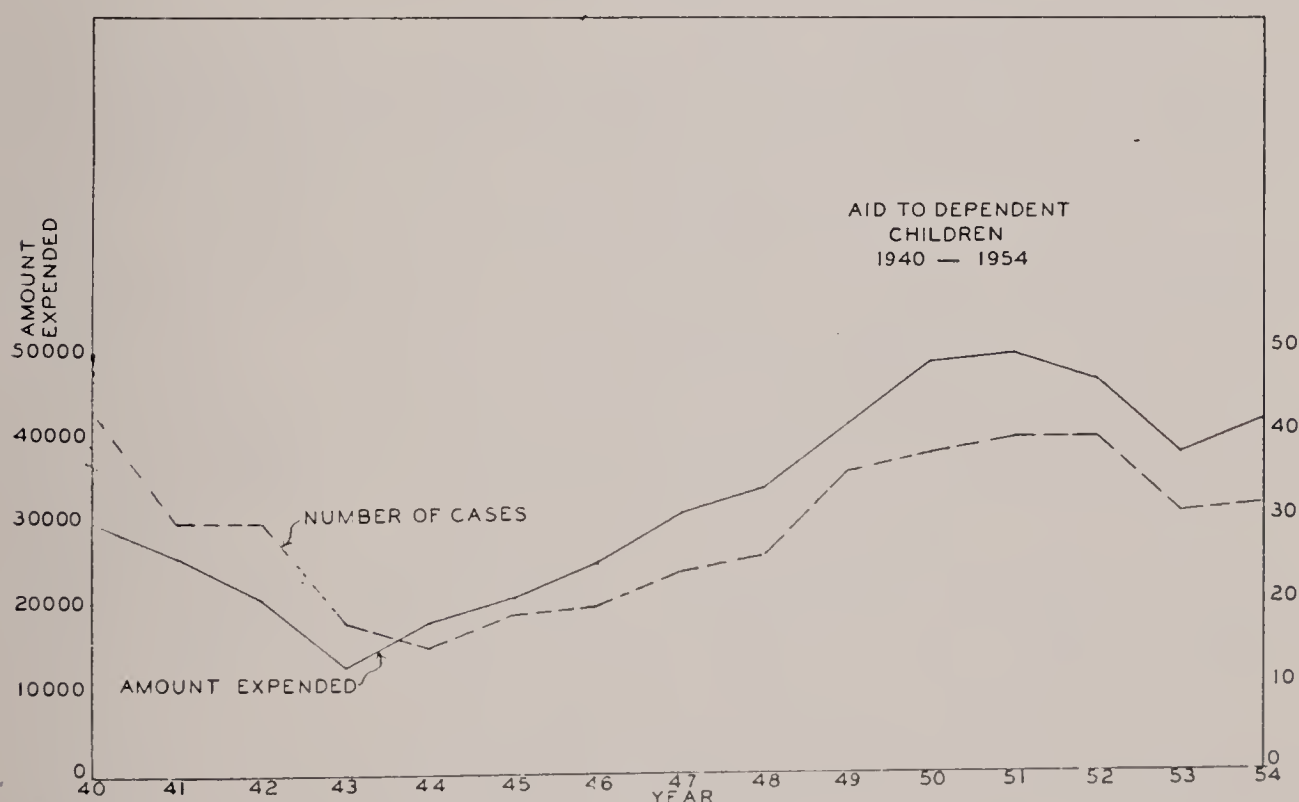


Costs to fill prescriptions have increased very much. More so because of the costs of the new drugs which are now being quite commonly used. Medical has to be provided in all categories. In Old Age Assistance alone, medical bills increased \$1,000.00 per month during the year with no increase in the case load. Continued eligibility is determined in all cases by periodic revisits to the homes and reinvestigations.

Old Age Assistance: By statute, minimum rates are established to be paid to the recipients: in the case of an individual living outside a family group, not less than \$75.00 monthly, in the case of any other person, not less than \$55.00 monthly. There is also a \$4.00 amount monthly of "Leisure Time Activities", which has to be added. Any available resources have to be deducted.

The grants to the recipients and medical amounted to \$263,628.03, most of which is reimbursed by the Federal and State Governments. The Town's share was \$39,692.11. In addition to these grants, on the basis of settlement laws, we paid other cities and towns \$5,758.63 and billed them \$6,741.24. Under the new lien law \$6,612.22 was recovered which has been proportionately distributed to the Federal, State and Local authorities.

Aid to Dependent Children: The purpose of this program is for the benefit of children. A State budget has to be followed which allows the parent or parents

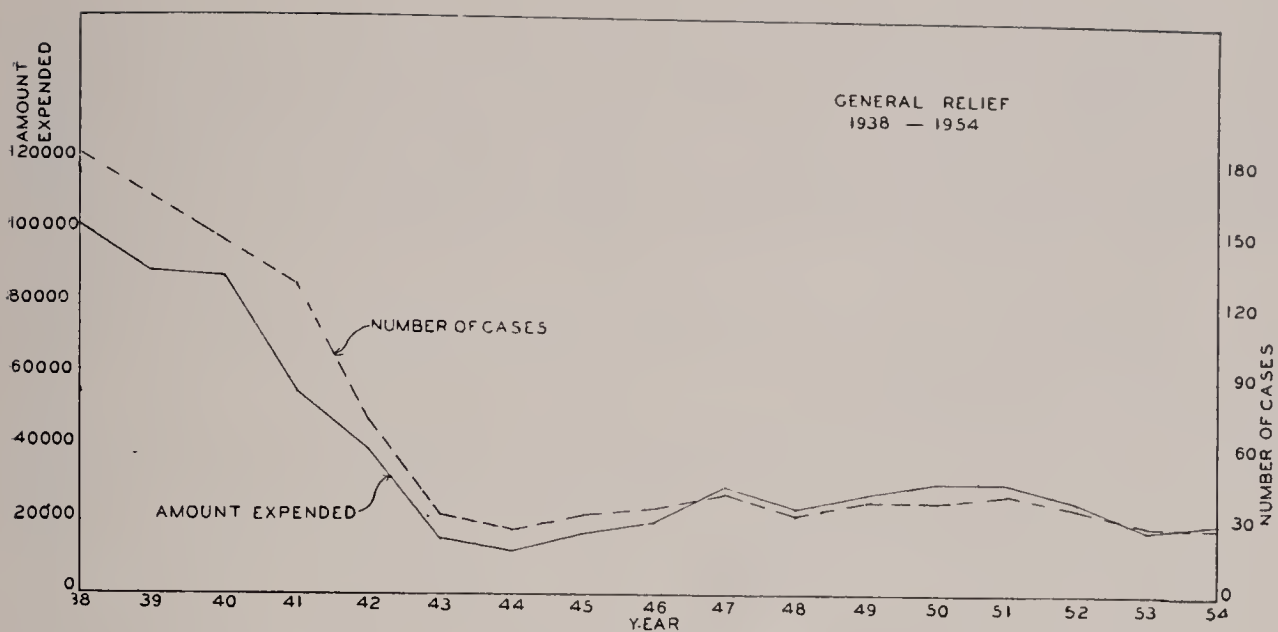


and children to remain in their own home as a family unit. Families are aided based on need and eligibility; where there is a widow, divorcee, legal separation; where the parent is physically incapacitated, has deserted, or is incarcerated. Full medical has to be granted including the physically incapacitated parent which, many times, proves most expensive. The assistance to the families and for medical amounted to \$41,372.15, which expenditures are participated in by the Federal, State and Local Governments. The Town's share was \$9,583.93. In one case we recovered \$500.00 out of a settlement the family received, which was proportionately distributed to the Federal, State and Local authorities.

Disability Assistance: This is a comparatively new program going into effect in 1951. Basically, this category provides for assistance to needy persons, eighteen years of age or over, who are permanently and totally disabled. The medical eligible determination is made by a medical review team working under the State Department of Public Welfare. The very nature of the program indicates heavy hospital, convalescent care and medical bills. The grants to the recipients and medical amounted to \$14,761.54. The Commonwealth reimburses 75 per cent of the expenditures which includes the Federal participation. The local share amounted to \$3,690.38.

General Relief: Families and individuals not eligible for any other program and eligible for assistance are granted relief under this category. The ordinary cases are those of unemployment, sickness, infirm, broken homes and indigent medical. Many of the cases aided become eligible for another category and are then transferred. The total expenditures for this type of assistance amounted to \$20,057.32, including payments to the State, other Cities and Towns and the various hospitals, for assistance, care and hospitalization on Braintree settled cases. We received 84 notices during the year on the basis of the settlement laws. Under these laws we were paid \$775.00 by the State and \$2,447.44 by other Cities and Towns.

Town Infirmary: The Infirmary is maintained for the purpose of housing single homeless persons and those with an infirmity or disability which prevents them from



earning a living on the outside. The inmates must be capable of taking care of themselves. Evicted families and other families falling into distress are admitted on a temporary basis. There were seven inmates throughout the year. A superintendent and a matron are in charge. \$5,086.70 was spent for general operating costs. \$184.18 for repairs and maintenance. \$187.75 for new equipment. One of the inmates reimbursed \$190.00 out of his social security benefits. The State reimbursed \$687.02 on an unsettled case. Bills submitted for repairs of the hurricane damage were paid in full by the Commonwealth.

Board of Health

Dr. B. Joseph Rizzo, Chairman

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John J. Atkinson

Dean R. Walker, Agent

Herewith is submitted the annual report of the Braintree Board of Health for the year ending December 31, 1954.

Dental Clinic: This exceptionally worthy clinic is gradually expanding year by year. Under the very able personal supervision of Mrs. Sabena Arsenault, Dental Hygienist, and with full co-operation of the School Department and the local Dentists this clinic is showing excellent results.

At the opening of the school year dental examinations were given to all the pupils from kindergarten through the eighth grades. The local dentists were contacted and they volunteered their services to do this work.

Following the examinations, notices went home to the parents of those children who were found in need of dental attention.

On the notices it was requested that all parents arrange for the work to be done by their family dentist and those unable to do so could apply for school clinic.

Each request for clinic was carefully studied and taken up with the teachers of the building where the child was attending school, also the district principal, building principal, and the school nurse.

If there was still doubt in regard to these clinic cases, the Visiting Nurses Association was contacted for further information before finally accepted.

By determining the number of days in the school year that the dentist could work and considering the increased population, the condition of the teeth, in each building, a working schedule was planned where by the clinic would remain in each school a certain number of weeks during the year.

As planned three years ago, the dental hygienist precedes the dentist with prophylactic treatments and fluoride which will also be given after the first of the year.

After the local dentists made their examinations of the children's teeth they commented on the improvement and progress which has been made in the past few years.

For the educational part of the program posters have been hung in the buildings and reading materials have been distributed.

The Dental Hygienist visited the classrooms giving oral lessons on the importance of home brushing, foods and diet which help to build strong teeth and also encouraged prompt visits to family dentist.

From time to time appropriate films are shown to the children evaluating the importance of all-round dental health. Visits were made for Educational and Constructive Materials to the following listed concerns:

Hood Milk Company and State House. Educational materials acquired by mail was received from the American Dental Association, Chicago Illinois, Pycope Tooth Brush Co., Kolynos Company, New England Dairy and Food Council, Church and Dwight Co., Inc., Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., Ipana Company, N. Y. and E. R. Squibb and Sons, N. Y.

Space does not permit a complete recapitulation of the dental reports for each school, but such is available at the Health Office, and would gladly be shown to those who manifest an interest in this vital clinic.

Diphtheria Clinic: The Diphtheria Clinic held in the spring was well attended. Some 40 children had the triple antigen shots of diphtheria tetanus-pertussis, and some 450 children had the booster shots administered consisting of diphtheria and tetanus toxoids. Those children administered by their own doctor were 335 in number, making in all a grand total of 825 children having had the necessary shots. Again the co-operative agencies of the Braintree Visiting Nurse Association, the School Department nurses and the attending physicians served to make this clinic a success.

Milk Testing: Once each month samples of milk were taken from dealers delivering milk in Braintree. These samples were tested for butter fat, total solids, phosphatase, bacteria and coli. These tests reveal that the milk being delivered in Braintree maintains a consistently high level. It is pleasing to report that no milk-borne disease has occurred in Braintree for quite some few years. Any resident of Braintree, so desiring, can review the results of these tests at the Board of Health office.

Eating and Drinking Establishments: The overall results of the program for the inspection of eating and drinking establishments, including the School and Industrial Cafeterias indicate a steady and healthy graph of improvement. A bi-monthly test of all establishments were made and the results of these tests (bacteria count) were forwarded to each establishment. In the event of high bacteria count was recorded, an immediate re-check test was conducted, and steps taken to remedy questionable sources of high incident.

Tuberculosis Prevention, Communicable Diseases and Health Education: The execution of the various programs connected with the above named captions have been very ably efficiently carried out by the Braintree Visiting Nurse Association. Braintree still continues to report a low incident of communicable diseases. Credit should also be given to the Braintree School Department Health Division for its active participation in the co-operation and assistance rendered to these Health Programs.

Constant use of the facilities of the State Department of Public Health, and the South Metropolitan Division of the State Department of Public Health was employed. Their ready and willing co-operation in all matters have been most helpful and appreciative.

South Shore

Mosquito Control Project

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To the Citizens of Braintree:

Submitted herewith is the report of the South Shore Mosquito Control Project of its activities in the Town of Braintree for the year ending December 31, 1954.

The Town of Braintree appropriated \$5,800 for mosquito control for 1954. This money was to be used for mosquito control in the Town of Braintree by the South Shore Mosquito Control Project, a co-operative program for mosquito control embracing the Towns of Brain-

tree and Cohasset, Duxbury, Hingham, Hull, Marshfield, Scituate, Weymouth and the City of Quincy.

Accomplishments

In spite of the wettest year on record and the existence of mosquito breeding places throughout the season in areas normally dry by early June, reports of mosquito troubles were considerably less than last year. In addition, comment to the crews, inspectors, and superintendent indicated a very noticable change for the better in mosquito troubles in the largest part of the project. However, certain areas remain as trouble spots. These areas are mainly associated with large undrained areas, water connected intimately with water supply, or are on the borders of the project. These large problems are the ones we must now solve. With this in mind, ditching operations on a much larger scale than last year were started this fall.

Such strides in a year marked for its wetness indicate an increased efficiency and point out that very good control will be achieved in a normal year. Mosquito breeding is greatly influenced by the precipitation during the months of March through September. Looking at the weather records for this period, we find that the total rainfall for these months was 80% above normal and, what is equally as important, there were 20% more days on which we had precipitation of .01 inches or more.

This frequency of rains was as important as the total amount of rainfall in keeping a large amount of our breeding places wet throughout the season. In addition to the above, hurricanes in the fall and torrential rains in May blocked streams with debris and resulted in abnormal flooding. To summarize, this past year was exceedingly wet and rainfall was rather frequent. The weather records also show that this year has been very unusual and that normally we may expect a much better situation as regards rainfall and, therefore, mosquito control will be relatively more efficient.

Type of Control Program

The project went ahead with its program of drainage, chemical treatment of water found to be breeding mosquitoes, and insecticidal fogging to combat adult mosquitoes present in housing areas. As before we have

been aiming at the reduction of mosquito breeding areas at all times when spraying was not necessary. This is an attacking action which gets at the cause of the problem and will cut it down to such size that it can be efficiently dealt with, not a defensive action which can only give a measure of relief dependent on the weather conditions during the mosquito season.

Such a program also contributes to solving a problem always with the Town, that of storm drainage and reduction of standing water which may present a hazard to health.

Aerial Spraying

The aerial spray program aimed at the April hatch of mosquitoes in fresh water swamps was begun on April 19 and completed May 1. As was the case last year in the original towns, the absence of proper spraying weather resulted in somewhat of a late start and prolonged the work, however, the program was started about a week before that of last year and completed a week ahead of the previous year. 1,230 acres were sprayed in the Town of Braintree.

Ditching

Drainage and elimination of mosquito breeding places has been considered the keystone of mosquito control by leaders in the mosquito control field from the very beginning.

Proper installation and maintenance of ditches will eliminate or reduce the majority of the breeding places, thus resulting in a smaller area to be covered by the ground crews or by aerial spraying. In addition to cutting costs, this results in more frequent checking of any given breeding place by the ground crews and thus in more efficient control.

With the above ideas in mind we have proceeded to drain all areas possible. In the Town of Braintree 3,850 ft. of ditches have been cleaned, 1,500 ft. reclaimed and 30 ft. of new ditch has been dug.

The above figures represent only a start on the work in Braintree. The majority of the work will be done in the winter and early spring since it concerns fresh water streams and ditches. Work can continue in these rela-

tively protected situations throughout the winter at such times that the crew isn't doing pre-hatch dusting. In addition, cleaning at this time puts the streams and ditches in the best shape just before they are needed to carry off the melting snows and heavy spring rains.

The work areas were chosen firstly for intensity of mosquito breeding, secondly for difficulty of handling by spray programs, and thirdly for adaptability to hand ditching methods which are the only methods now available to this project.

Fogging

This past season the project has had in operation a Todd Insecticidal Fog Applicator, commonly called a Tifa. This machine emits a smoke containing small particles of insecticide. This smoke is produced by introducing insecticide in oil into a stream of hot gases produced in a generator by burning gasoline and propelled by a stream of air from a blower.

This fog drifts with the air currents over the area, wiping out all mosquitoes and other flying insects present.

The machine is of great value in cutting down invasions of mosquitoes from large breeding places and is our only means of control in areas where our chemicals may contaminate water supply.

Plans for Winter

Throughout the months between the past and coming mosquito breeding seasons much attention will be given to ditching. Work on the salt marsh will be done in the fall and early spring and the colder winter months will be spent in the more protected fresh water areas.

In addition when snow and ice conditions are right pre-hatch dusting, as was done last year, will be applied. The success of last year's work along these lines makes it feasible to expand this program to as much as help and weather permit.

Plans for Next Year

All operations above will be included next year.

In addition a very necessary extension of our work will be started. This is treatment of catch basins which

breed enormous numbers of house mosquitoes. A survey made this past summer indicated that approximately sixty per cent (60%) of the catch basins in the three areas sampled bred *Culex pipens*, the house mosquito, at the rate of fifty (50) larvae per dipper or more and only twenty per cent (20%) had no breeding in them. The rest varied from a few to almost fifty (50) per dip.

This work will be done with a Cushman truckster and motorcycle with a large spray tank mounted in the rear. A regular round of all basins found will be worked out for each operator in his area. These men will also treat small roadside pools and cellarholes in new developments which are a temporary but important nuisance.

Outlook for Next Year

Considering that the project personnel and the people in the several towns have been adding more of the hidden breeding places to our maps and that a tremendous improvement has been made in our drainage system, particularly on the salt marshes, mosquito control should continue to improve at an even greater pace than heretofore.

The above coupled with a normal or dry season should exceed even our greatest expectations.

Thayer Public Library

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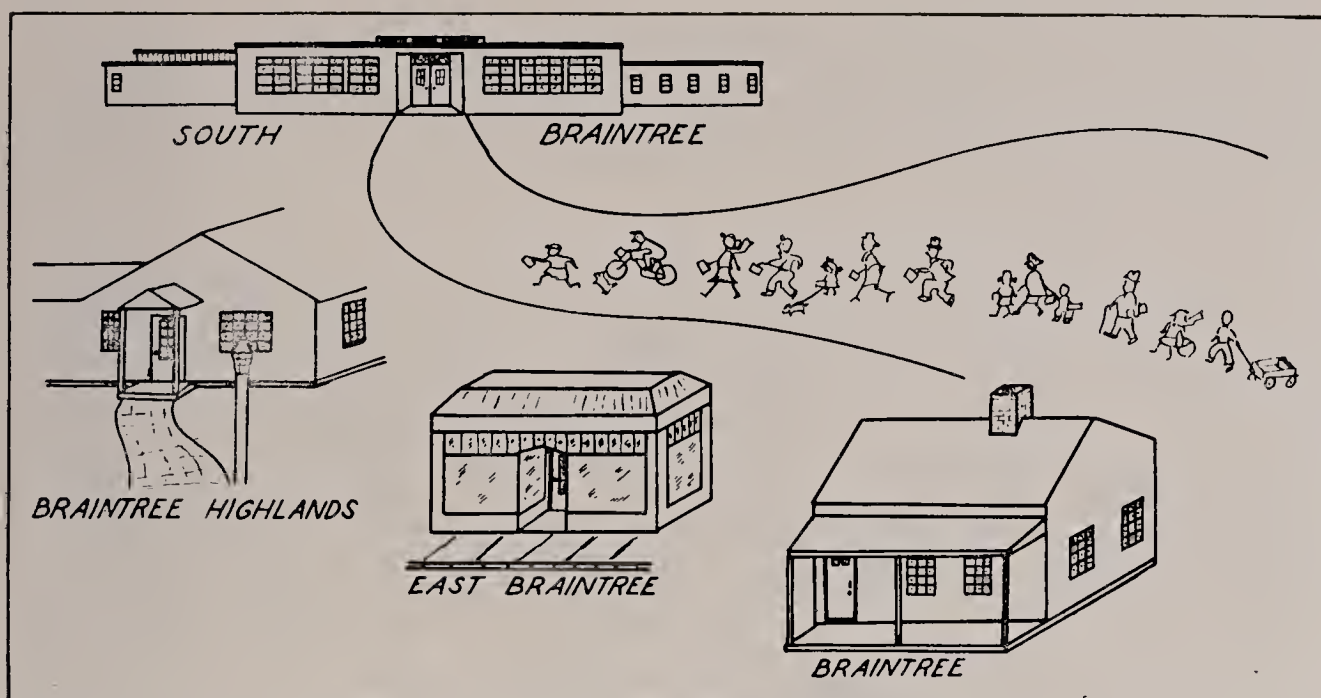
The Trustees of the Thayer Public Library present for your consideration the report of the Librarian which follows:

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

Miriam Hall, Librarian

1. EIGHTY YEARS OF SERVICE

The year 1954 marked the end of eighty years of library service to the Town of Braintree. In September







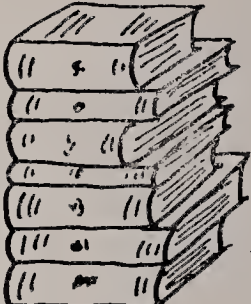
1874, the Thayer Public Library was officially opened to the citizens of the town. In what more fitting way could this anniversary have been celebrated than by giving the first full year of service to the townspeople in their new library building. The first half of the library's history was one of slow growth, more or less an experimental stage. A library was supposed to be a storehouse, where books were held in safe keeping for generations to come. People were not encouraged to take books home.

The second half of the library's history from 1914-1954 has shown a different trend, one of rapid growth, due to new ideas of the place of the library in the community. The following table of circulation figures for those years shows just one factor in this trend:

	Year's circulation of books	Largest single day's circulation	Average daily circu- lation
1914	34,200	241	117
1924	34,869	256	120
1934	164,453		567
1944	135,387		466
1954	* 261,215	1259 Nov. 16	900
Main Library only.....		989 Nov. 29	

* This figure is 7 1/2 times the circulation of 1914.

It is interesting to note that the circulation of the years 1934 and 1944 was influenced by events of tremendous import to the nation. In 1934 the country was

CIRCULATION				
1914	1924	1934	1944	1954
				
34,200	34,869	164,453	135,387	261,215

in the midst of the great economic depression: citizens were out of work and desperate for ways to occupy and improve their time. In 1944 the country was at war: citizens were working long hours at gainful occupations or in volunteer defense work. They had little time for reading.

In the decade since the war from 1945 to the present, we find a period of gradual settling down, good times with no great depression, the war in Korea, and the introduction of television to the mass population. All of these were influences which in former periods would have meant a decrease in library use. Population growth has accounted for some of the library increase, but only a small per cent.

	1945	1954	% of gain
Population growth	20,279 approx.	25,000	23 %
Library circulation	143,866	261,215	81 %

The gain in library use has been more than 3½ times the gain in population.

The effect of the new building on the circulation at the Main Library alone is shown in the following figures:

	1953	1954		
Adult	61,280	82,669	+21,389	+35 %
Juvenile	90,829	105,054	+14,225	+15.5 %

Citizens have found a definite need for increased library services. Young people are showing the influence of being taught to use the library in their children's room days. Children have found that **Reading is Fun**, due partly to the new methods of teaching reading in the

schools. However, most of this increased use of the library is due to the more personal services offered by the library, and the personal interest taken by each one of the library staff in the problems of each individual borrower.

The **Book Stock** has not shown the same growth as the use of the library. The total book stock at the end of 1954 had increased only 19% over 1945 and the accessions for the year 1954 were 38% more than those for the year 1945. This has been due partly to the increased cost of books, but especially to the lack of sufficient funds to purchase an increased number of books to meet the increased demand.

II. NEW TECHNIQUES

As a business increases in volume, it becomes necessary to adopt more modern, efficient methods. So at the library, with the steadily increasing amount of work to be done in all departments, we felt that for the benefit of the public as well as the staff, it was time to adopt some more accurate method of charging books at the Main Library. After investigating several methods used by different libraries, the Gaylord Charging Machine was chosen as the simplest method to operate, and yet was entirely accurate for the protection of the borrower. Before beginning to use this machine, each borrower was asked to reregister, so that we might have a more accurate count of the names of persons using the library. As this reregistration is still continuing, we do not have a definite figure of the number of borrowers. It is for this reason that we have not appended to the report this phase of statistics as in previous years. Since July each borrower has been given a small card with a metal plate containing his number; this is very similar to a Charge Card of a department store. Now that the staff has become familiar with the new method, we know that we could not have accomplished the tremendous daily increase in charging books with the hand stamps without making a great many errors. The borrower's card is put into a slot in the machine, and at the same time that the date is stamped on the book card, the borrower's number is also stamped beside the date. No more messy inky stamps, and no more writing in pencil the borrower's number with the danger of transposing figures. Perhaps the only catch as far as the borrower is concerned is that

he must present his card when taking out a book. However, this is another reason why it gives him more protection.

III. MUSIC IN THE LIBRARY

In the middle of the summer, we were finally able to open the Music Room to the public. Records were processed sufficiently so that they could begin to circulate. The library now owns 106 records, including some suitable for children, some recordings of plays and poetry readings. Our collection is still small so that we must limit the number borrowed at one time. We should also like to stress the importance of the borrower's using great care when playing records at home, especially in using a good stylus or needle. While longplaying records do not break easily, they are very prone to scratches which can ruin the sound of good music. Except for the children's records, our collection is made up entirely of 33 1/3's, for 78's are no longer available. As more people acquire record players equipped for all speeds, the use of the records will increase a great deal.

IV. ACTIVITIES IN THE NEW BUILDING

The spacious and attractive new building has brought the library opportunities for many additional activities. During the year, 13 groups of Scouts, Brownies and School Classes with a total of 405 children in attendance have come for instruction in the use of the library. Spring and summer story hours brought a total of 873 children.

Another pleasant activity has been that of entertaining many libraries and library organizations. Braintree is now one of the few towns in Massachusetts with a new library building. Since the majority of libraries in the Commonwealth were founded earlier or about the same time as the Braintree library, and have not added space since the founding, they are in much the same position as Braintree was a few years ago. Building committees and librarians more and more are looking to Braintree for ideas in planning new buildings and additions: Putnam, Conn., Springfield, West Springfield, Marblehead, Westwood, Hingham, New Bedford, Weymouth, Milton, Dartmouth, and others. Two of our most distinguished visitors were from foreign countries. In May we had the privilege of entertaining Mrs. Kaete Seibicke, Librarian

of the State Library Center, Hohenzollern District, Reutlingen, Germany. Mrs. Seibicke was in this country under the United States Educational Exchange Program visiting libraries and observing methods of this country. She was very attractive with a pleasing personality, and was so appreciative of all that we did for her. Her only regret was that in Germany they would not have the funds to put into practice most of the ideas which she was obtaining from her visit.

In late December, the library entertained Dr. Julio Arroyave, Director of the Pilot Library Project at Medellin, Colombia, South America. This pilot library is a project to encourage library development in Latin America under the auspices of UNESCO and the government of Colombia. The library is now situated in temporary quarters, but funds have already been made available for the construction of a new building. Dr. Arroyave is spending several months under a fellowship from UNESCO studying and observing library services and buildings in the United States. He made a detailed inspection of our new library building, and with the assistance of an interpreter who accompanied him, he gathered much detailed information about the building, from the Chairman of the Trustees and the Librarian.

It was a thrill for the staff to be able to entertain two library organizations in the building. Heretofore, we have always had to refuse when asked to entertain a library group. In May, the Round Table of Librarians for Young Adults, a division of the Massachusetts Library Association, visited us; in June the Old Colony Library Club, composed of librarians from Quincy to Plymouth, held its meeting in our auditorium. Many were the envious remarks as librarians inspected the library from top to bottom. Just twenty years ago in 1934, Thayer Public Library entertained the Old Colony Club, using the facilities of Thayer Academy as a meeting place. We feel very proud that now we have a beautiful building of our own in which to hold such meetings.

Community organizations also have found the library ideal as a meeting place for small and medium groups. During the year 105 such gatherings have been held either in the auditorium or in the smaller rooms on the lower floor. The small Committee Room has been used regularly by a social caseworker from the Family So-

ciety of Greater Boston, as a convenient, out of the way place where people may come to receive counsel in solving personal problems. A Red Cross Home Nursing Course and a First Aid Course for Boy Scouts have been held in a vacant room downstairs.

V. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES OF LIBRARY PERSONNEL

Braintree has a right to be proud of its library personnel. In spite of the pressure of an increasing amount of work, they keep a professional attitude towards their job, and when possible attend meetings and hold positions of responsibility on committees. Miss Isabel Handy is completing a two year term as Chairman of the Round Table of Librarians for Young Adults, and in this capacity, has served on the Executive Board and the Nominating Committee of the Massachusetts Library Association. She was in charge of a meeting for Librarians for Young Adults at the New England Library Assoc. meeting in October. She also took part in a panel at a workshop for small libraries held at the East Bridgewater Public Library. Mrs. Marilyn Frazier, assistant children's librarian, also attended this workshop and at present is taking a University Extension Course in Reference work. Mrs. Edith Emerson served on the nominating committee of the Old Colony Library Club; she also attended Simmons College summer school. Mrs. Ruth Beach is attending Simmons College for the third year. Miss Hall is serving on the Committee on Federal Legislation of the Mass. Library Assoc.; also the Program Committee of the same association.

In connection with library personnel we should not fail to mention one of Braintree's Trustees. Dr. Stacy B. Southworth, Chairman of the Library Board, and Chairman of the State Division of Library Extension, received a citation from the Massachusetts Library Trustees Association, as Trustee of the year. Several of the Trustees and Miss Hall attended a Centennial Dinner as guests of the Boston Public Library in honor of the Centennial Anniversary.

VI. GIFTS

The library has been very happy to accept gifts pre-

sented by several local organizations:

An American Flag for the auditorium given by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

A large Bible given by the Catholic Women's Club.

A set of books and a kit of Jewish ceremonial objects given by the Lodge of B'nai B'rith of Quincy.

Garden Books and a Record of Bird songs given in memory of deceased members by the Braintree Garden Club.

As the Thayer Public Library enters the 81st year of its service to the Town of Braintree, the Library Staff and the Librarian will continue to give their best in service, so that the citizens may continue to be justly proud of their community library.

LIBRARY STATISTICS 1954

Circulation

Main Library			
Adult	82,669	+21,389	+35 %
Juvenile	105,054	+14,225	+15.5 %
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Total	187,723	+35,614	+23 %
Branches			
Adult	39,321		
Juvenile	34,171		
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Total	73,492	+5,719	
Grand Total	261,215	+41,333	+19 %

The juvenile circulation at the Main Library includes books which circulated over the desk at the library, and books which circulated from classroom deposits at the schools. 56,623 over the desk; 48,431 from school deposits.

Circulation per capita: 11 books.
Largest single day's circulation:

Whole system—Nov. 16 1,259
Main Library—Nov. 29

Book Stock

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Volumes Jan. 1, 1954.....	33,978	12,748	46,726
Volumes added 1954	1,845	955	2,800
Volumes withdrawn 1954	480	392	872
Total volumes Dec. 31, 1954...	35,343	13,311	48,654
Recordings Dec. 31, 1953.....			30
Added 1954			76
Total recordings Dec. 31, 1954			106

Sewer Department

Commissioners

BERNARD R. ANDREWS, Chairman
CHARLES C. TEMPLE EARL D. GILLIATT

GEORGE F. BROUSSEAU, Superintendent

New Construction:

A total of 2.3 miles of new sewers were added to the sewerage system. The following tabulation shows the extent and distribution of the year's work.

Street	From	From	Pipe Size Inches	Sewer Length Feet
Alfred Road	Joseph	End	8	937
Cindy Lane	Farm	End	8	309
Common Street	Pump. Sta.	Joseph	10	970
Easement	Joseph	Nicholas	8	238
Edgemont Road	Quincy	Summit	8	534
Farm Road	Arnold	Cindy	8	314
Francine Road	Walnut	Alfred	8	516
Hollingsworth Ave.	Franklin	West	8	2,165
Hollis Avenue	Walnut	Summit	8	472
Joseph Road	Common	Francine	8	1,252
Marcia Road	Worthington	Easterly	8	156
Nicholas Road	Easement	Francine	8	660
Oakhill Road	Hollingsworth	Summit	8	786
Pleasant View Ave.	Vinedale	Summit	8	1,046
Prospect St. North	Abbott	Wellington	8	240
Soper House Lane	Washington	End	8	243
Vinedale Road	Audubon	Pleasant View	8	476
White Road	Hawthorn	Easterly	8	200
Worthington Circle	Howie	Common	8	393
Total				11,907

Total 1954 Construction	2.3 Miles
Previous Construction	42.8 Miles
Total Constructed to Date	45.1 Miles

The sewers in Alfred Road, Cindy Lane, Easement, Farm Road, Francine Road, Joseph Road, Marcia Road, Nicholas Road, Oakhill Road, White Road and Worthington Circle were constructed by and at the expense of private developers. This work, totalling 5704 feet, was done under the supervision of the Sewer Department in accordance with current contract construction specifications.

The remaining 6203 feet were done under a unit price contract by Ralph Richard Company, theirs being the lowest responsible bid received from 11 contractors. Contract work started on May 5 and was completed by August 17.

The total cost of the year's work amounted to \$92,298.60 and made the sewer available to 199 more buildings. Of the 7347 buildings in the Town, the present sewer system can serve 3925, or 53% of them. During the past year 357 new buildings were erected in the Town.

Assessments:

Sewer assessments amounting to \$53,243.76 were levied against 154 properties. Where work was done by private developers, an assessment equivalent to 60% of the normal assessment was levied. During the year, The General Court authorized a change in the law which now makes it possible to finance sewer assessments and house connection charges over a maximum period of 20 years.

House Connections:

There were 275 sewer connections, totaling 14,333 feet, made by the department during the year, at a total cost of \$42,787.94. There were 43 applications for connection on file at the end of the year, that will have to wait until spring before work can be started. New Personnel Board regulations have made it extremely difficult to hire or keep suitable labor to do sewer connection work.

Upon application of the owner, the department will make a sewer connection. The whole cost of the work is charged to the owner, but the Town will finance it at 4 per cent, over a maximum period of 20 years, if desired.

Maintenance:

There were no stoppages in any of the main or lateral sewers. During the regular cleaning and inspection, heavy root growths were found in a number of laterals which would have caused trouble if they had not been removed.

A total of 23 manholes were raised to conform to new street grades principally on Commercial and Washington Streets. In the mains serving the three pumping stations 4 large leaks were dug up and repaired.

Once during the month of May, when rainfall was extra heavy, the 30-inch main sewer became surcharged and overflowed for several hours into Fore Rive. Most of the time this sewer flows not more than one-quarter full. The additional water that caused the surcharge came from draining ground water out of cellars by removal of the clean-out cap from the sewer service. A letter was sent to all connected with the sewer warning them about this dangerous practice. It has since been necessary to take court action to compel compliance with the department's rules and regulations.

During the two hurricanes all three sewage pumping stations were cut off from Town power for several days. One of the department's air compressors took care of emergency operation of the Pantano Street pumping station. The department's 40 kw. portable generator took care of the operation of both Common Street and Brookside Road pumping stations during the first hurricane, but could take care of only the Common Street Station during the second hurricane.

The motors at Brookside Road station were partially flooded during the second hurricane, and sewage had to be pumped into Smelt Brook for about a day and a half while waiting for power to be restored and the motors dried out.

Late in December a pump casing split open at the Common Street pumping station, partially flooding the

motor floor. Fortunately, it was discovered in time to prevent serious damage to electrical equipment. It required about four hours to de-water the station and close valves on the cracked casing before service could be restored. During this time sewage had to be pumped into Town Brook.

Pumping station operating experience this year has pointed up the urgent need for additional emergency equipment to provide adequate protection in the event of total power or mechanical failure.

The excellent cooperation received from other departments of the Town throughout the year materially aided the Sewer Department in accomplishing its work, and is greatly appreciated.

Airport Commission

WILLIAM G. BROOKS, Chairman

JOHN W. MURPHY

GEORGE T. WOODSUM

WILLIAM K. STEWART

THOMAS C. CURRIER

The Braintree Airport Commission reports the completion of eight years of activity and the seventh year of operation of the Braintree Airport.

The Airport is located near Great Pond, off Route 128, on Town-owned property of the Braintree Water Department; has a runway of 2500 feet in length and is 85 feet wide. The major part of the runway was constructed through the efforts of members of the Braintree Airport Association, whose membership is open to Braintree residents who are interested in flying.

The flying area is registered as a Private Landing Field under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission at Latitude 40° 12' 20" and Longitude 72° 02' 25".

This past year five planes were regularly tied down in the safety area and used the facilities of the field during the summer months. For the seventh consecutive year Airport officials report that the field has operated without a casualty or serious mishap.

In normal years eighteen to twenty planes are regularly tied down on the field. Many former members of the Association are now serving in important aircraft activities in this country and abroad. Several members are in the Armed Services and should soon return to active participation at the Braintree flying field.

Residents of Braintree interested in flying at the Braintree Airport are required to register with the Airport Commission before using the facilities of the Town. You are invited to join the Braintree Airport Association.

Braintree School Committee

The School Committee is pleased to report that during the year 1954 continued progress has been maintained in the program instituted for the educational and physical improvement of our schools. Again we are deeply grateful for the splendid cooperation given us by the administration officers of the School Department, the faculty, the custodians and the townspeople.

For the purpose of avoiding repetition, we direct your attention to the report of the Superintendent of Schools which follows and in it you will find in detail the activities of the School Department for the past year.

Braintree is still faced with a continued housing problem. We believed that with the adoption of the Junior High School plan our needs would amply be cared for up through the year 1960. This was based on a continued normal growth of the Town. We find, however, because of abnormal real estate developments now underway in the Highlands section, the Highlands and Foster Schools will be filled to capacity and that if a new seven-room school was made available in the Liberty Street area of the South District next September, this school would be filled to capacity. This would also relieve our transportation problem in so far as it affects those pupils from the Liberty Street area now being transported to the Highlands and Foster Schools.

Contrary to popular belief, we find that in the East Braintree area, one of our older sections, due to an increase in the number of pupils who will enter school, serious consideration must be given to the necessity of adding to and altering the Watson School so as to provide more classrooms and an adequate auditorium.

The School Committee is cognizant of the fact that these requirements will impose an additional tax burden on real estate. This causes us a great deal of concern.

We believe that the time has come when serious consideration should be given in finding some other method of taxation, particularly when applied towards education. Persons who have conducted studies in this problem agree that our present method is antiquated.

One has to admit that one of the things that has made the United States the greatest nation on earth is its educational system. Everyone derives untold benefits from it. The cost of maintaining our schools should be more equitably distributed so that theoretically all would share in its upkeep. It might be that here in Braintree with careful study by some interested in this problem of taxation, more relief could be had through our Electric Light Department.

In closing, we thank the Superintendent of Schools, the school personnel, the Parent-Teachers' Associations, the Town officials and the citizens for their loyalty and cooperation during the year.

OVIDIO D. CHIESA, Chairman

Braintree School Committee.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

1. Enrollment

On October 1, 1954, the total school population was 5774, an increase of 421 pupils over the previous year. The table shows the relative enrollments by schools for the past few years.

Comparative Enrollment—Braintree Public Schools

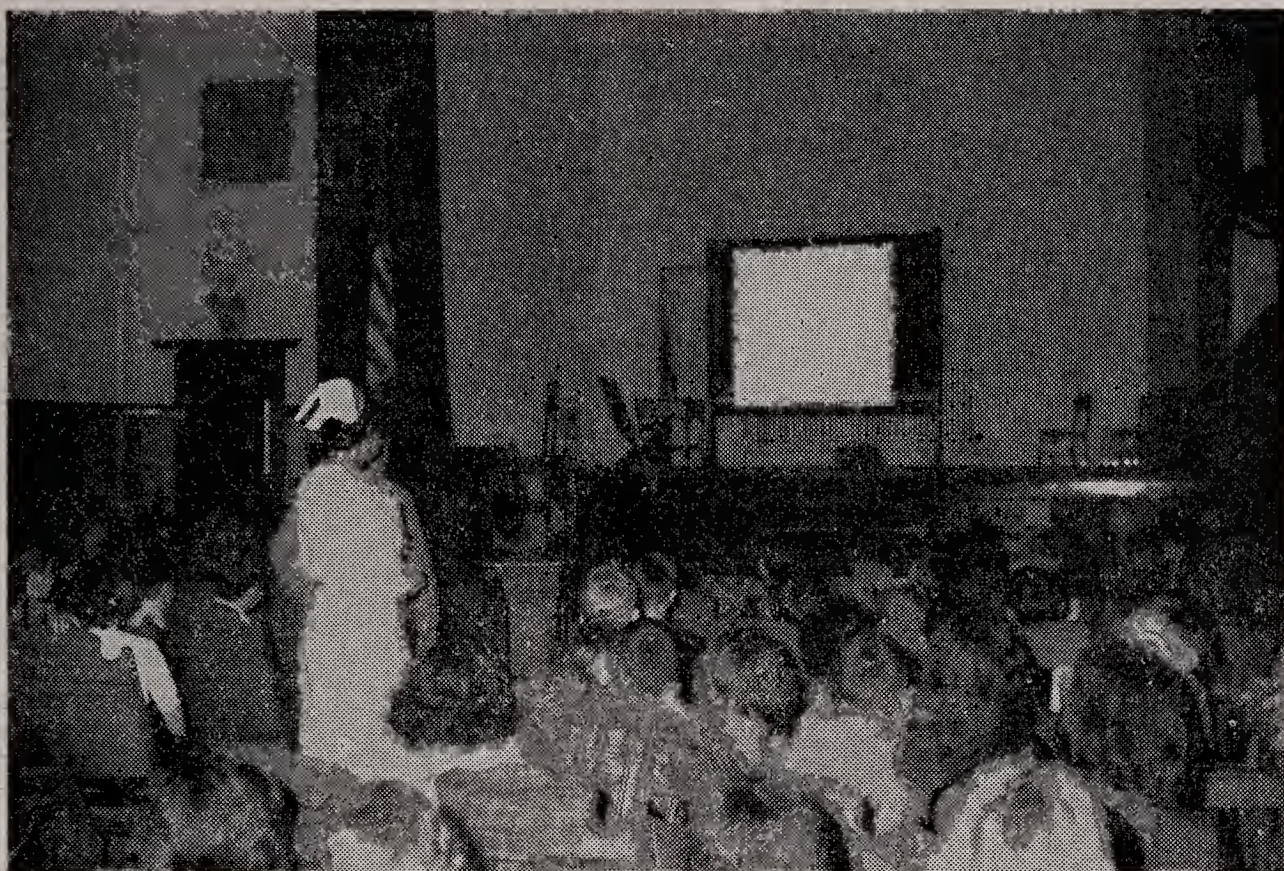
	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
High	912	897	937	965	1027
Hollis	444	466	489	363	806
No. Grammar	232	236	247	134	X
Highlands	345	419	533	405	485
Foster	—	—	—	218	*196
Torrey	490	500	492	473	*472
Colbert	37	46	48	53	52
Pond	—	49	57	29	X
Monatiquot	280	322	343	413	426
Lakeside	—	—	—	452	521
Penniman	443	388	409	438	470
Ross	—	441	462	492	451
Perkins Annex					
Perkins	342	281	317	320	*274
Watson	296	296	331	321	*323
Lincoln	432	263	313	277	*271
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TOTAL	4253	4604	4983	5353	5774
Increase	243	351	379	370	421

An increase of 421 pupils this year exceeded the average increase of 367 for the past three years. The most crowded situation is at the Highlands School which was reduced from the double-session total of 533 pupils in 1952 to 405 in 1953 by opening of Foster School. Highlands is now back to 485 and expected to hit 560 by next year. The lunchroom has been divided into two additional classrooms, but no other space is available for classes. This school must have some relief by next year, preferably by providing school housing on Liberty for the pupils now being transported to the Highlands.

It is interesting to note that the school enrollment has increased during the term of the present Superintendent from **3346** in 1946, by **2428** pupils. The original estimate that the school population would double in a ten year period will be more than realized.

During this period the Town has provided facilities as follows:

Braintree High School Addition—used primarily to relieve **double session rather** than to provide additional facilities, but also provided addition to capacity of 200.



SHOWING DENTAL FILM AT PENNIMAN SCHOOL

Ross School	15 rooms	capacity	450	pupils
Highlands Addition	2 rooms	"	60	"
Monatiquot Annex	5 rooms	"	150	"
Penniman Annex	5 rooms	"	150	"
Lakeside School	20 rooms	"	600	"
Foster School	7 rooms	"	210	"
Perkins Annex	5 rooms	"	150	"
Hollis Addition	12 rooms	"	400	"
Total Additional Capacity			2370	"
Growth during period			2428	"

The net cost of this school building program in debt service, less State Aid for school buildings in amount of 42%, cost the taxpayer \$3.08 on the tax rate in 1954; and will cost \$3.69 in 1955 due to payments on Perkins and Hollis bonds coming due for the first time.

The Town has certainly done well in attempting to meet the current needs for school facilities. However, the situation, due to factors beyond our control, remains critical in respect to immediate and future needs as the attached reports of the School Study Committee indicate. The indicated immediate needs are:

1. The South Junior High School. Approximate cost \$1,250,000—Capacity 800.



P.T.A. MOTHERS HELP ADMINISTER LIBRARY AT TORREY SCHOOL

2. An elementary school on Liberty Street. Approximate cost \$300,000—Capacity 210.

Both the Hollis Junior High and Highlands Elementary School will be forced into double sessions by September 1955 until such time as these additional facilities may become available.

The Braintree High School enrollment as of October 1, 1954 was 1022, which is the first time it has been over the thousand mark since early in the war years. Shift of the eighth grade to the Hollis School has made the facilities very ample this year. The anticipated increase of 100 pupils next year can be handled without too much trouble, but the school will become very crowded in the year 1956-7. By September 1957, the ninth grade pupils must be transferred to the Junior High Schools in order to provide room for Grades 10-12 in the Senior High Building.

2. Maintenance and Improvement of Present Facilities

With the funds and personnel available, the Department has maintained the appearance of the present build-

ings in excellent condition. Many compliments are received upon the cleanliness and good upkeep of our buildings. Yet, there are many accumulating difficulties that are not so readily observed by the casual glance. We never seem to be able to secure funds in the substantial amounts that are needed to:

- a. Improve heating systems in the older school buildings. The Perkins, Monatiquot and Torrey Grammar systems are gravity air circulation and function poorly in cold weather.

In the old section of the High School, the Lincoln, Torrey Primary and Watson Schools, the univents are nearly worn out and lack temperature controls. The Highland Univents have no controls. Maintenance of healthy temperatures in these rooms, balancing heat in various sections of buildings in cold weather, is almost impossible.

- b. Grounds at the Lincoln, Perkins, Colbert and Highlands should be improved, not only for appearance, but for safety of pupils, access and cleanliness.

These items constitute a backlog which should sometime be covered by a special appropriation. The amount will be substantial; over \$150,000 would be required to remedy the conditions listed above.

3. Personnel

Fifteen additional teachers were added to our faculty this year, twenty-eight teachers left and were replaced by teachers new to the system. The absorption of these members, supervision of their work, inculcation of our ideals and practices requires considerable time and special effort. Our teachers, High School Principal, District Principals and Elementary Supervisor all are doing their best to keep standards high and help the schools function smoothly. Secretaries, custodians and lunchroom workers all have worked hard and have the interests of the schools at heart. Credit should be given to the special teachers, who come into our schools to render special services, for the excellent work they are doing—guidance counselors, nurses, physical education instructors, remedial reading teachers and other specialists contribute a great deal to the overall effectiveness of the school and offer much help in meeting special problems.



FOSTER SCHOOL GRADE III CLOTHING UNIT

During 1954 the faculty members have participated in several unusual activities including:

- a. The Reading Exhibit — demonstrating materials and methods used.
- b. The September Institute—re-evaluation of the Social Studies program.
- c. An in-service course in the Communication Arts.
- d. A study to experiment in meeting needs of superior children.
- e. Study and experimentation in cooperation with the Civic Education Project.

4. Cooperation Between Home and School

Relations between parents and teachers seem to be excellent and morale high. Parent-teacher interviews were planned in grades 1-6 this year by closing school at noon during Education Week in November. Ninety-seven per cent of the parents came for interviews with the teachers and benefits derived from these meetings are regarded as much worthwhile. Teachers speak with appreciation of the opportunity to meet so many parents.

Revisions in the Primary and Intermediate Report Cards have been made in line with opinions of parents

and teachers determined during the past two years in many discussions and questionnaires.

The P. T. A.'s contributed much financially to the schools in the nature of: playground equipment, audio-visual aids, recorders, record players, blackout shades, funds for parties, library books, periodicals, etc.

5. Summary

The year 1954 found many problems arising. Many have been solved and several yet remain to be met, but in general it has been a year of progress. We have grown in strength and understanding and look forward to continued growth and progress in the coming year.

RALPH W. PROCTOR,
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL STUDY COMMITTEE

(A) With Reference to the South School District

It is the function of the School Study Committee to study the future school building needs of the Town in relation to the long range school building plan, and to recommend such modifications of that plan as may become necessary because of the new residential developments that are continually being planned.

Mr. Ovidio D. Chiesa is chairman of the School Study Committee and the members include Mrs. Almeda W. Cain, Mr. John F. Harkin, Mr. Ronald W. Scott, Mr. Charles W. Baldwin, and Mr. Edward J. Rose.

For the past several months the Committee has been studying the situation in the South School District with particular references to the Braintree Highlands and Foster Schools. Mr. Charles Lord, the South District Principal, has prepared various estimates and maps and has submitted a thorough study of the needs for the immediate future.

At the Braintree Highlands School there are presently in use fifteen classrooms. This includes the thirteen regular classrooms in that building plus two temporary classrooms which were created by partitioning off the school lunchroom. In September, 1955, two additional



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AT WJDA WEEKLY BROADCAST

rooms will be needed and at least one additional room each for thereafter.

At the Foster School seven classrooms are now in use and it was necessary to transfer the sixth grade from this school to the Torrey School and provide bus transportation. In September, 1955, the Foster School will need an additional second grade and the Torrey School will be unable to continue handling the sixth grade from the Foster so that there will be two rooms short at the Foster School.

Mr. Lord's study shows that if an additional seven-room school were to be available in the Liberty Street area of the South District next September, this school could be filled to capacity and would relieve the Highlands School and the Foster School of the pupils being transported to those schools from the Liberty Street area.

There are several real estate sub-divisions presently in progress in the Peach Street, Brewster Avenue and Foster School areas which it is estimated will bring sufficient pupils in the next two years to fill fourteen classrooms in addition to the seven mentioned in the possible

new school. The School Study Committee, therefore, recommends that immediate steps be taken to secure a site for an elementary school in the Liberty Street area, and that an addition to the Foster School be considered for action in the near future.

(B) Concerning Secondary School Needs

Upon the opening of the Hollis School Addition in January, 1955, there will be 806 seventh and eighth grade pupils occupying this building. The capacity of the building is 800 pupils. In September, 1955, there will be 950 pupils and in September, 1956, there will be 1050. It will therefore be obvious that this school cannot accommodate these pupils beyond the end of the present school year in June 1955.

The long range school building program includes the construction of a second junior high school in the South District which, even if voted at the March, 1955, Town Meeting, could not be ready for occupancy, at the earliest, before January, 1957. It will doubtless be necessary to have the Hollis School run on a two session basis from September, 1955, until the time the second junior high school is available.

Further study shows that by September, 1957, the ninth grade should be removed from the Braintree High School. At that time the tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades will number 970, and the seventh, eighth and ninth grades 1500 to be divided by the Hollis and the South Junior High. The peak of the junior high school growth should come in the year 1960-61 with an expectation of 1800 pupils in those grades. The peak of the senior high school enrollment will progress from 1270 in 1959, at which time an addition will be necessary, to 1700 in 1964.

The South District Development Committee is presently working upon plans for the 800 pupil South Junior High School for which the site was secured recently. Preliminary plans are now in the hands of the School Building Assistance Commission and will progress to the working drawings stage as soon as approval of that Commission is secured. It is hoped that bids can be obtained to be submitted to the 1955 Town Meeting for action.

1954 COMPARATIVE SCHOOL COSTS (M.T.F.)

(Cities and Towns 20,000-30,000 Population)

City of Town	1950 Pop.	1954 Tax Rate	1953-1954 Av. Staff Salary	1953-1954	
				Pupil- Teacher Ratio	1953-1954 Per Pupil Cost
Northampton	29,063	\$49.00	\$3965	26.8	\$236
Beverly	28,884	60.60	3866	27.2	263
Framingham	28,086	46.00	4193	28.8	256
Belmont	27,381	40.00	4708	26.7	307
Melrose	26,988	54.40	4312	26.9	254
Gloucester	25,167	54.80	3794	26.7	239
Methuen	24,477	52.00	3552	28.4	208
Leominster	24,075	50.00	3992	27.4	262
Attleboro	23,809	43.10		27.7	190(1952)
Braintree	23,161	50.00	3921	26.6	235
Peabody	22,645	60.40	3907	26.9	260
Milton	22,395	47.00	4178	28.7	266
North Adams	21,567	51.00	4031	23.7	262
Westfield	20,962	41.00	4004	28.5	246
Wellesley	20,549	41.50	4388	23.4	290
W. Springfield	20,438	42.00	4080	25.2	272
Woburn	20,492	45.50	4142	30.6	234
Braintree Rank of 17	10	7	12 (Av. (4068)	14	14

OTHER SOUTH SHORE NEIGHBORS

Weymouth	32,690	39.60	4150	30.5	237
Dedham	18,487	48.60	3725	26.4	247
Norwood	16,636	46.80	4007	29.5	270
Hingham	10,665	50.00	3702(1953)	26.6(1953)	255(1953)
Quincy	83,835	52.00	4234	28.2	241
Brockton	62,860	58.60	4039	32.6	211

Braintree Light Department

Your Commissioners submit the annual report of the Braintree Electric Light Department for the year ending December 31, 1954.

NORTON P. POTTER
SHELLEY A. NEAL
ERNEST T. FULTON,
Commissioners.

To the Municipal Light Board

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the Braintree Electric Light Department annual report for the year ending December 31, 1954.

No. 1 Generator was inspected and some repairs made this year. A major overhaul of this unit will be necessary in 1957.

Repairs and alterations on smaller equipment and controls necessary to keep the plant in first class operating condition were made.

No. 3 A Circulating pump was removed for repairs but has not yet been restored to service.

The extension of underground 13.8 K V lines between sub-stations was completed early in 1954 and has been in service since June. We now have direct lines from our Allen Street generating plant to each distribution sub-station with inter-connecting tie lines between sub-stations. The total capacity of this main line system is now 17,500 KVA.

Cables for our 2400 volt feeder circuits and street lighting from the Allen Street station have been installed underground and will be placed in service early in 1955. This will eliminate the major portion of overhead lines on Allen Street.

All street lighting transformers at Allen Street station were re-located to connect to the new cable installation. These units are now automatically controlled and protector relays installed.

Residential area developments have added 474 services during the year, an increase of slightly over 6% in total number of customers.

Capacity added in distribution transformers was 2025 KVA.

Our total kwh. output up to the end of October shows the effect of a lower industrial usage and loss of output due to the two hurricanes. At this time our total output was 856,000 kwh. below that of 1953. During the last two months this difference was wiped out and the end of December shows an increase of 224,000 kwh. over 1953.

Hurricanes "Carol" and "Edna" were highly destructive to our distribution system, completely disrupting all services. "Carol" arrived on August 31, causing complete outage of all feeders. All line crews worked sixteen hours a day until September 7, when all services were restored. Hurricane "Edna" arrived Saturday, September 11, disrupting all but two feeders. All services were restored by Monday night, September 13.

Valuable assistance was rendered to the Light Department by the Civilian Defense officers, radio operators, auxiliary police, Police Department, Fire Department, Highway Department and the Tree Warden. It gives me great pleasure to express my appreciation for their valuable services.

The hurricane also served to demonstrate to this Department the value of a two-way radio and we are at present installing such a system on our trucks. We expect to have this equipment in service early in January, 1955.

Peak demand for this year was 13,800 KW representing an increase of 1400 KW over 1953.

Highest output day was 210,000 kwh, an increase of 19,000 over 1953.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Commissioners, Town Officials, Customers and Employees for their co-operation during the past year.

Following is presented the details showing the physical and operating conditions as prepared in accordance

with the annual report to the Department of Public Utilities.

Respectfully submitted,
ALBAN G. SPURRELL,
Manager.

ANALYSIS OF SALES

Domestic and Commercial....	25,843,649	\$581,560.03
Industrial	18,558.491	290,750.06
Municipal	1,680,146	29,095.42
Street Lights	930,984	13,060.00
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	47,013,270*	\$914,465.51*

OPERATING EXPENSES

Production

Superintendence and Labor	\$ 67,439.54	
Electrical Labor	1,176.68	
Boiler Fuel	278,816.28	
Water for Steam	2,175.75	
Lubricants	334.76	
Station Supplies and Expenses	604.26	
Maintenance of Station Structures	6,995.23	
Maintenance of Boiler Equipment	17,844.14	
Maintenance of Turbo Generator Units ..	18,325.82	
Maintenance of Electric Equipment	2,635.88	
Maintenance of Accessory Electric Equip.	314.72	
Electric Energy Purchased	10,396.48	
	<hr/>	\$ 407,059.54*

Transmission and Distribution

Station and Sub-station Superintendence and Labor	\$ 2,798.93	
Operation of Transmission and Distribution of Lines	25,424.16	
Transmission and Distribution Supplies .	4,678.93	
Inspecting and Testing Meters	1,416.18	
Removing and Resetting Meters	4,590.22	
Maintenance of Transformer Station and Sub-station Equipment	50.82	
Maintenance of Transmission and Distribu- tion of Lines	42,398.36	
Maintenance of Underground Conduits ..	321.80	
Maintenance of Meters	4,930.24	
Maintenance of Transformers	4,309.01	
Hurricane Carol	41,129.00	
Hurricane Edna	8,560.61	
	<hr/>	\$ 140,608.26*

Utilization

Operation of Street Lamps	\$ 5,604.09	
Replacement of Street Lamps	2,118.22	
Supplies and Maintenance	2,676.70	
	<hr/>	\$ 10,399.01*

General Expenses

Maintenance of Consumers Installations.. \$	5,937.13
Office Expense ..	36,701.59
Advertising	263.17
Manager and Municipal Light Board	
Salaries	5,966.80
Office Salaries	3,643.04
General Office Expense	7,217.21
Insurance ..	10,996.60
Accidents and Damages ..	35.90
Maintenance of General Structures	4,837.31
Miscellaneous General Expense	468.74
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	\$ 76,067.49*
DEPRECIATION	\$ 140,601.72*
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GRAND TOTAL OF OPERATING	
EXPENSES	\$ 774,736.02*
BOOK VALUE OF ALL PROPERTY.....	\$3,637,051.93*

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

January 1, 1954, Balance	\$2,555,695.62
Net Loss for Year, 1954.....	875.44
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Balance, December 31, 1954...	\$2,554,820.18*

INCOME STATEMENT

OPERATING REVENUE	\$ 914,465.51
OPERATING EXPENSES	774,736.02
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Manufacturing Surplus	\$ 139,729.49
Miscellaneous Additions ..	236.26
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	\$ 139,965.75
Paid on Bonds and Interest ..	90,841.19
Paid to Town in Lieu of Taxes.....	50,000.00
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Net Loss Deducted from Profit and Loss.. \$	875.44*

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Plant Investment	\$3,637,051.93
Petty Cash	200.00
Special Cash for Construction	2,484.13
Special Bond Fund for Plant Expansion..	26,172.07
Cash Reserved for Payment of Bonds	
and Interest	73,354.17
Special Deposits	12,693.80
Accounts Receivable ...	97,238.15
Materials and Supplies	34,549.42
Depreciation Fund	256,574.76
Prepaid Insurance ..	15,551.79
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$4,155,870.22*

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$.00	
Consumers Deposits		12,693.80	
Bonds and Notes Payable		1,260,000.00	
Interest Accrued		9,187.50	
Loans Repayments		273,000.00	
Appropriations for Construction Repayments		46,168.74	
Profit and Loss		2,554,820.18	
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TOTAL LIABILITIES			\$4,155,870.22*

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

BRAINTREE	\$	17,138.08	
EAST BRAINTREE		10,503.60	
SOUTH BRAINTREE		37,796.51	
CONTRACTS & SPECIAL RATES		28,643.19	
MUNICIPAL		3,161.77	
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TOTAL	\$		97,238.15*

DEPRECIATION ACCOUNT

Balance, January 1, 1954	\$	229,693.95	
Transferred from Income		140,601.72	
Interest		573.75	
Transferred from Operating Account		724.41	
(cash re-imbursements by customers on hurricane repairs)			
		<hr/>	
			\$ 371,593.83
Expended on New Construction		74,177.38	
Expended on Hurricane Damages		40,841.69	
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BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1954.....	\$	256,574.76*	

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT

Balance, January 1, 1954	\$	71,420.10	
Faid to Town in Lieu of Taxes.....		50,000.00	
Expended for Construction		21,186.42	
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Balance, December 31, 1954	\$	233.68	
Transferred from Operating Balance, December 31, 1954	\$	2,250.45	
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BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1955..	\$	2,484.13*	
CASH RECEIVED AS PER CASHBOOK			\$ 901,060.29
PAID TO TOWN TREASURER	\$	901,060.29	
ACCAUNTS PAYABLE .....	\$	.00*	
OPERATING BALANCE, DEC. 31, 1954..	\$	75,604.62	
Transferred to Construction Account		2,250.45	
Transferred to Reserve for Payment of Bonds and Interest		73,354.17	
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OPERATING BALANCE, JAN. 1, 1955..	\$.00*	

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

Debits

Balance, January 1, 1954.....	\$.00
Alban G. Spurell, Manager		901,060.29
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	\$	901,060.29*

Credit

Faid by Order of Commissioners	\$	825,455.67
Cash Balance, December 31, 1954		75,604.62
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	\$	901,060.29*

Tax Collector

Year Ending December 31, 1954

1953 Uncollected Balances	\$ 210,641.60
Charges and Commitments of 1953	
and Previous Years Made in 1954.....	10,191.92
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1954 Commitments	2,687,608.15
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Total Accounts for Collection	\$2,908,441.67

Credits by:

Collections	2,567,601.82
Abatements	76,516.46
Tax Titles	6,831.73
Journal Adjustments	125.75
Judgments	146.87
Returned for Apportionment	82,929.47
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Total Credits	2,734,152.10
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Outstanding Balances December 31, 1954....	174,289.57

Itemized Outstanding Balances:

1954 Real Estate	64,423.63
Sewer Betterment Apportionments....	1,214.40

Sewer Connection Apportionments...	298.30
Street Betterment Apportionments...	154.07
Sidewalk Betterment Apportionments	16.12
Water Liens	591.10
Committed Interest	406.54
Poll	176.00
Excise	37,911.50
Personal	4,208.82
Unapportioned Misl. Betterment	
Assessments	64,889.09
Total	<u>64,889.09</u>
	\$ 174,289.57

GEORGE H. GERRIOR, JR.
Tax Collector.

Town Treasurer

JOHN W. HARDING, Town Treasurer

in account with

THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE

Cash Book Balance, January 1, 1954	\$1,288,199.40
Receipts from all Sources — 1954	7,545,706.62

\$8,833,906.02

Paid on Selectmens' Warrants	\$7,643,017.20
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Cash Book Balance, December 31, 1954	1,190,888.82
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\$8,833,906.02

The Cash Book Balance is made up of the following items:

General Town Account Balance	\$ 822,830.98
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Water Department Balance	35,644.78
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Electric Light Department Balance	75,838.30
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Electric Depreciation Fund	256,574.76
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\$1,190,888.82

(Details of Receipts & Expenditures
are shown in Accountant's Report)

LIMITATION OF INDEBTEDNESS STATEMENT

January 1, 1955

Prepared in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 10 of the General Laws, as amended by Chap. 56, Acts of 1952.

Valuations for three preceding years less abatements:

1952	\$ 44,187,098.
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1953	46,268,385.
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1954	47,802,333.
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\$138,257,816.

Average Net Valuation	46,085,938.
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10% of Average Valuation	\$4,608,593.
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Total Debt Outstanding

December 31, 1954	\$5,198,500.
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Less Debt Outside the Debt Limit	2,580,500.
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2,618,000.

Present Borrowing Capacity (Subject to
approval of the Emergency Finance
Board)

\$1,990,593.

OUTSTANDING FUNDED DEBT, DECEMBER 31, 1954

First Sewer Loan, 3½%, due 1955-1961	\$ 99,000.00
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Sewer Loan, 2¼%, due 1955-1958	20,000.00
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Sewer Loan, 1½%, due 1955-1959	25,000.00
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Sewer Loan, 1.40%, due 1955-1961	35,000.00
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Sewer Loan, 1.90%, due 1955-1961	69,000.00
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Sewer Loan, 2.20%, due 1955-1963	90,000.00
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Sewer Loan, 2.10%, due 1955-1964	50,000.00
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Water Mains Bonds, 1¼%, due 1955-1961	84,000.00
Water Construction Bonds, 1¼%, due 1955-1961	21,000.00
Water Standpipe Bonds, 2.10%, due 1955-1969	45,000.00
High School Addition Bonds, 2¼%, due 1955-1968	564,000.00
High School Remodeling Bonds, 2¼%, due 1955-1958	64,000.00
Highway Garage Bonds, 2¼%, due 1955-1958	25,000.00
Elementary School Bonds, 1¾%, due 1955-1970	530,000.00
Elementary School Bonds, 1.90%, due 1955-1972	1,206,000.00
Elementary School Bonds, 2.10%, due 1955-1974	670,000.00
Elementary School Bonds, 2.10%, due 1955-1974	161,500.00
Electric Light Bonds, 1.75%, due 1955-1972	1,260,000.00
Library Bonds, 2.10%, due 1955-1972	180,000.00
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	\$ 5,198,500.00

TAX TITLES AND TAX TITLE POSSESSIONS

Tax Titles held by Town of Braintree, Jan. 1, 1954 \$	8,142.79
Tax Titles acquired in 1954, including subsequent taxes added.	7,235.42
Tax Titles Redeemed and Disclaimed in 1954	6,077.69
Tax Titles Foreclosed in 1954	393.50
Tax Titles Held, December 31, 1954	8,907.02
The book value of Tax Title Possessions held by The Town of Braintree on December 31, 1954 was....	32,041.83

TRUST FUND TRANSACTIONS — 1954

	Principal of Fund Dec. 31, '54	Balance of Income Jan. 1, '54	Income Receipts 1954	Payments from Income 1954	Balance of Income Dec. 31, '54
N. H. Hunt Trust \$24,376.99	\$.....	\$ 864.19	\$864.19	\$	
Chas E. French Tr. 2,419.50	82.74	71.75	49.84	104.65	
Ann M. Penniman Tr. 500.00	7.80	14.49	15.00	7.29	
Geo. W. Kelley Tr. 200.00	12.18	6.14	.....	18.32	
Hannah R. Hollis Tr. 100.00	15.90	3.34	.....	19.24	
Julia A. Minchin Tr. 100.00	24.24	3.59	.....	27.83	
Charles Thayer Tr. 20,329.06	684.13	611.76	600.00	695.89	
Avis A. Thayer Tr. 500.00	10.98	17.77	.....	28.75	
Jos' S. Miller Tr. 123.66	29.98	4.43	.....	34.41	
Chas. C. Hill Tr. 100.00	24.25	3.59	.....	27.84	
M. P. W. Martin Tr. 300.00	8.30	8.91	.....	17.21	
Colbert Sch. Trust 25,000.00	7,606.68	940.92	.....	8,547.60	
Henry H. Musick Tr. 250.00	57.09	8.89	.....	65.98	
Colbert Library Tr. 40,443.76	7,173.25	1,425.51	.....	8,598.76	
Stabilization Fund 1,000.00	113.90	32.24	.....	146.14	

Trust Funds of the Trustees of Thayer Public Library December 31, 1954

Principal—Foundation Fund	\$11,020.91
Principal—Caleb Stetson Fund	2,500.00
Principal—Rachel R. Thayer Fund	172.50
Receipts:	
Cash on deposit Jan. 1, 1954	3,701.63

Income—Foundation Fund	322.48
Income—Caleb Stetson Fund	70.63
Income—Nathaniel H. Hunt Trust	864.19
Income—Rachel R. Thayer Fund	5.16

\$ 4,964.09

Expenditures:

Purchase of Books & Supplies	\$ 1,497.01
Cash on Deposit, Dec. 31, 1954	3,467.08

\$ 4,964.09

Contributory Retirement Service

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1954

Under the General Laws the Town Treasurer is The Treasurer-Custodian of all Funds and Securities of the Contributory Retirement System.

Cash Balance, January 1, 1954	\$ 14,600.83
Cash Receipts for Year 1954	133,217.43

\$147,818.26

Payments by Vouchers of Retirement Board	\$135,061.72
Cash Balance, December 31, 1954	12,756.54

\$147,818.26

SECURITIES HELD—December 31, 1954

\$ 5,000 Aluminum Co. of Ameica	3%	due	1979
7,000 American Tel. & Tel. Co.	2¾%	due	1980
5,000 Boston Edison Co. ..	2¾%	due	1980
3,000 Central Maine Power Co.	3½%	due	1970
3,000 Central Maine Power Co.	2¾%	due	1976
2,000 Chesapeake & Potomas Tel. Co.	3½%	due	1984
4,000 Consolidated Edison Co. of N.Y. ..	2⅝%	due	1977
5,000 Dayton Power & Light Co.	3¼%	due	1982
5,000 Detroit Edison Co. ...	2¾%	due	1985
5,000 Fall River Electric Light Co.	3¾%	due	1983
5,000 General Motors Corporation	3¼%	due	1979
3,000 Georgia Power Co.	3⅜%	due	1982
5,000 Green Mountain Power Co.	3¾%	due	1963
4,000 Illinois Bell Telephone Co.	3%	due	1978
4,000 Illinois Bell Telephone Co.	3⅛%	due	1984
5,000 Indianapolis Power & Light Co.	2⅞%	due	1979
15,000 International Bank ..	3½%	due	1969
5,000 Montana Power Co.	2⅞%	due	1975
3,000 Narragansett Electric Co.	3%	due	1978
2,000 New England Power Co.	2¾%	due	1979
4,000 New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	3%	due	1974
4,000 New Jersey Bell Telephone Co.	3⅛%	due	1988
4,000 New Jersey Power & Light Co.	2⅞%	due	1979
5,000 New York Telephone Co.	2¾%	due	1982
4,000 Niagara Mohawk Power Corp.	2¾%	due	1980
4,000 Pacific Gas & Electric Co.	2⅞%	due	1980
4,000 Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co.	3⅛%	due	1983

6,000	Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co.	3¼ %	due	1979
5,000	Pennsylvania Electric Co.	3¾ %	due	1972
4,000	Philadelphia Electric Co.	2⅞ %	due	1978
5,000	Public Service Co. of N. H.	3¼ %	due	1973
5,000	Southern California Edison Co.	2⅞ %	due	1976
2,000	Westchester Lighting Co.	3½ %	due	1967
3,000	West Penn. Power Co.	2⅞ %	due	1979
25,000	U. S. Savings Bonds	2½ %	due	1955
16,500	U. S. Savings Bonds	2½ %	due	1956
30,000	U. S. Savings Bonds	2½ %	due	1957
3,000	U. S. Savings Bonds	2½ %	due	1958
17,500	U. S. Savings Bonds	2½ %	due	1959
15,000	U. S. Treasury Bonds	3¼ %	due	1983
\$ 2,000	Deposit—Abington Savings Bank			
2,000	Deposit—Boston 5 Cent Savings Bank			
12,000	Deposit—Braintree Savings Bank			
5,000	Deposit—Cohasset Savings Bank			
3,000	Deposit—Millbury Savings Bank			
5,000	Deposit—Randolph Savings Bank			
4,000	Deposit—Salem Savings Bank			
1,000	Deposit—Second Federal Sav. & Loan Ass'n., Boston			
12,000	Deposit—South Weymouth Savings Bank			
1,000	Deposit—Suffolk First Federal Sav. & Loan Ass'n., Boston			
10,000	Deposit—Ware Savings Bank			
10,000	Deposit—Wareham Savings Bank			
8,000	Deposit—Weymouth Savings Bank			
7,500	Deposit—Whitman Savings Bank			
7,000	Deposit—Worcester County Inst. for Savings			
25 shares	Chase National Bank, New York			
252 shares	First National Bank of Boston			
40 shares	Manufacturers Trust Co., N. Y.			
200 shares	National Shawmut Bank of Boston			
74 shares	National City Bank of N. Y.			
45 shares	Rockland-Atlas National Bank of Boston			
60 Paid-up Shares	Braintree Co-operative Bank			
40 Paid-up Shares	Holbrook Co-operative Bank			
10 Paid-up Shares	Home Co-operative Bank			
5 Paid-up Shares	Lawrence Co-operative Bank			
20 Paid-up Shares	Lincoln Co-operative Bank			
10 Paid-up Shares	Marblehead Co-operative Bank			
40 Paid-up Shares	Mattapan Co-operative Bank			
20 Paid-up Shares	Middleborough Co-operative Bank			
10 Paid-up Shares	Orange Co-operative Bank			
10 Running Shares	Orange Co-operative Bank Series 124			
20 Running Shares	Pilgrim Co-operative Bank Series 134			
40 Paid-up Shares	Pittsfield Co-operative Bank			
20 Running Shares	Quincy Co-operative Bank Series 187			
50 Paid-up Shares	Quincy Co-operative Bank			
30 Paid-up Shares	Randolph Co-operative Bank			
10 Running Shares	Randolph Co-operative Bank Series 123			
55 Paid-up Shares	Sandwich Co-operative Bank			
10 Paid-up Shares	Shirley Co-operative Bank			
25 Paid-up Shares	South Shore Co-operative Bank			
25 Paid-up Shares	Ware Co-operative Bank			

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. HARDING, Treasurer.

Board of Assessors

Board of Selectmen
Town Hall
Braintree, Mass.

Gentlemen:—

We herewith submit our Annual Report for the year 1954.

The assessable property, both real and personal, continues to show a healthy growth. Real estate valuations having increased from \$41,559,950.00 in 1953 to \$42,840,000.00 in 1954. Personal property valuation increased from \$1,653,815.00 in 1953 to \$1,782,185.00 in 1954. The Motor Vehicle excise valuations continue to show substantial increases, at the present time running over \$5,000,000.00 in valuation on some 11,000 automobiles registered in Braintree during 1954.

Mrs. Olive Bean, who has been Chief Clerk in the Assessors' office for the past 26 years, retired in April, and Miss Elizabeth Ryan resigned to take a position in Boston. Both of these women were very capable and conscientious employees and they certainly were sorely missed in the functioning of the office this year. Miss Georgianna McGinnis was promoted to Chief Clerk, and the two new girls in the office are Mrs. Virginia Prince and Mrs. Alice Beck.

It was pleasing to announce a reduction of \$3.80 in the tax rate for 1954. Under the watchful eye of our Finance Committee and the complete cooperation of all elected officials and department heads, let's hope that this trend may continue.

Signed: The Braintree Board of Assessors

NORRIS H. PINAULT, Chairman
CHESTER W. NELSON, Clerk
ARTHUR E. BOYNTON

1954 RECAPITULATION

Figures Used in
Fixing Tax Rate
G.L. Chap. 59: 23, 25

All Appropriations Voted Since 1953 Tax Rate
Was Fixed:
Overlay Deficits
State: Tax and Assessments
County: Tax and Assessments
Overlay of Current Year

\$3,464,656.16
86.80
85,688.77
105,832.31
94,915.59

Gross Amount to be Raised
Estimated Receipts
Available Funds

\$3,798.835.88
\$1,103,772.75
448,603.88

Total Deductions

\$1,552,376.63

Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation on Polls
and Property.

Number of Polls: 7675 @ \$2.00 each
Valuations: Personal Estate—\$ 1,782,185.00
Real Estate—\$42,840,000.00
(Tax Rate \$50.00)

\$ 15,350.00
89,109.25
2,142,000.00

Total Taxes Levied on Polls and Property

\$2,246,459.25

Town Accountant

EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS

1954

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE

Taxes:

1954

Real Estate	\$2,048,134.93	
Personal	83,467.38	
Poll	13,027.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,144,629.31

1953

Real Estate	76,860.46	
Personal	3,984.85	
Poll	116.00	
	<hr/>	80,961.31

1952

Real Estate		19.86
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Tax Titles Redemptions:

Tax Title	5,452.47	
Sewer	325.52	
Water Liens	240.66	
	<hr/>	6,018.65

From State

Income Tax	126,116.80	
Corporation Tax	142,290.08	
Meal Tax	7,373.21	
School Aid	109,100.00	
	<hr/>	384,880.09

Licenses and Permits

Victuallers	225.00	
Music Box	125.00	
Auto Dealers	100.00	
Sunday	201.00	
Pool, Bowling, Pin Ball Machines	456.33	
Junk Dealers	215.00	
Revolver	116.00	
Hawkers and Peddlers	95.00	
Auctioneers	8.00	
Adv. Liquor Licenses	175.00	
Liquor	7,528.00	
Amusement	20.00	
Town Hall Rent	50.00	
Miscellaneous	29.75	
	<hr/>	9,344.08

Court Fines		101.00
Grants and Gifts		
Dog Licenses		2,055.68
State:		
Smith Hughes Fund	203.86	
Schools Construction Grants	44,365.15	
Schools Vocational Education	2,582.02	
		<hr/> 47,151.03
Federal Grants		
O. A. A.	107,038.54	
O. A. A. Admr.	9,041.30	
A. D. C. ...	17,690.97	
A. D. C. Admr. ...	2,071.31	
D. A.	6,163.97	
D. A. Admr.	676.39	
		<hr/> 142,682.48
Schools Public Laws 874		15,330.97
Chapter 90		
State	34,735.42	
County	18,366.56	
		<hr/> 53,101.98
From Trust Funds:		
Charles Thayer Fund—Library	500.00	
Charles Thayer Fund Dyer Hill Cemetery	100.00	
Hollis Fund—Parks and Playgrounds ..	500.00	
White Estate	10,655.00	
		<hr/> 11,755.00
Special Assessments		
Sewer		
Apportioned 1954	24,134.04	
Apportioned 1953	1,004.70	
Unapportioned	36,419.86	
Betterments Paid in Advance	13,995.52	
		<hr/> 75,554.12
Sewer House Connections		
Apportioned 1954	12,505.28	
Apportioned 1953	389.53	
Unapportioned	14,245.14	
Betterments Paid in Advance	6,327.00	
		<hr/> 33,466.95
Streets		
Apportioned 1954	1,539.16	
Apportioned 1953	94.33	
Unapportioned	2,671.19	
Betterments Paid in Advance	622.00	
		<hr/> 4,926.68
Sidewalks		
Apportioned 1954 ...	297.92	
Unapportioned	1,229.66	
Betterments Paid in Advance	278.37	
		<hr/> 1,805.95

Water Liens		
1954	3,914.44	
1953	772.09	
	<hr/>	4,686.53
Motor Vehicles		
1954	180,899.25	
1953	30,570.94	
1952 .....	.85	
	<hr/>	211,471.04

General Government

Collector	1,262.60	
Town Clerk—Dog Licenses	2,666.80	
Engineering Dept.	1.50	
	<hr/>	3,930.90

Protection of Persons and Property

Police Department		
Ambulance Receipts	890.00	
Ambulance Reserve	3.00	
All Other	415.51	
	<hr/>	1,308.51
Fire Department—All Other		371.96
Sealer of Weights and Measures		583.05
Inspector of Buildings		3,094.00
Inspector of Wiring		2,651.75
Moth Receipts		183.75
Police Car Damage Reserve		525.00

Health and Sanitation

Health		
Accounts Receivables	3,051.54	
Dental Clinic	541.85	
Licenses and Permits	3,986.00	
	<hr/>	7,579.39
Sewer		
Deposits from Contractor	3,100.00	
All Others	470.96	
	<hr/>	3,570.96

Highways

Snow Removal	224.00	
Miscellaneous	125.00	
	<hr/>	349.00

Charities and Veterans' Services

We'fare		
Accounts Receivables	2,316.91	
From Individuals	6.56	
	<hr/>	2,323.47

O. A. A. Accounts Receivables		117,028.12
A. D. C. Accounts Receivables		12,770.74
D. A.		
Accounts Receivables	7,772.01	
Accounts Receivables Admr.	338.18	
	<hr/>	5,110.19
Recoveries		
O. A. A.	6,612.22	
A. D. C.	500.00	
	<hr/>	7,112.22
Infirmary		120.00
Veterans Services Accts. Receivables		15,588.84

Schools and Libraries

Schools		
Athletic Fund Receipts	8,996.21	
Lunch Room High	27,718.03	
Lunch Room Elementary	81,505.29	
Tuition	2,831.84	
Miscellaneous	4,317.13	
	<hr/>	125,368.50
Libraries—Fines and Sales		2,148.58

Recreation and Unclassified

Parks—Bathing tags ..	77.10	
Rent National Guard ...	300.00	
Insurance Refunds	730.00	
Housing Authority—Lieu of Taxes	6,480.00	
Housing Authority Surplus	6,215.24	
Parking Meter Receipts	8,893.83	
Withholding Tax Reserve	247,464.23	
Savings Bonds Reserve	6,962.41	
Union Dues Reserve	48.00	
Sale of Tax Title Possessions	2,375.00	
E. and D.	1.15	
Miscellaneous Receipts	14.19	
	<hr/>	280,061.15

Enterprises and Cemeteries

Water Department		223,927.13
Electric Light Department		901,060.29
Electric Light Depreciation		
Fund	140,601.72	
Interest	573.75	
	<hr/>	141,175.47
Cemeteries		
Sale of Lots	105.00	
Burials	118.00	
	<hr/>	223.00

Interest and Maturing Debt

Interest		
Taxes	2,640.39	
Excise	97.87	
Tax Titles	599.87	
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		3,338.13
Special Assessments		
Committed 1954	9,713.58	
Committed 1953	377.94	
Not Committed	276.66	
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		10,368.18
From Water Dept. for Payment		1,972.50
From Light Dept. for Payment		22,662.50
Accrued Interest		333.11
Maturing Debt		
From Water Dept. for Payment	15,000.00	
From Light Dept. for Payment	70,000.00	
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		85,000.00
Temporary Loans		
Anticipation of Revenue		1,400,000.00
Loans		
Perkins Area School	161,500.00	
Sewer Construction	50,000.00	
Hollis School Addition	670,000.00	
Water	45,000.00	
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		926,500.00
Premiums		2,456.27

Trust Fund Income

N. H. Hunt	864.19	
Ann M. Penniman	15.00	
Charles E. French	49.84	
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		929.03

Refunds and Transfers

Refunds	
1953 Overlay	107.60
Treasurers Expense	22.75
Assessors Expense ...	9.00
Settlement of Claims	40.00
Police Patrolmen's Salary	60.77
Fire Lts. Salaries	86.58
Fire Extra Pay Men	23.19
Fire Expense	6.00
Sewer House Connections	137.30
Highway Material and Supplies	332.65
T. A., O. A. A., A. D. C., D. A.	68.00
O. A. A. Federal Grant	1,266.12
A. D. C. Federal Grant	183.05
Infirmery Expense .....	.55
Veterans Services	962.65
School Instruction	173.85

School Operation of Plant	443.83	
School Auxiliary Agencies	4.00	
School Outlay	51.52	
Athletic Fund	4.10	
Water Dept.	54.71	
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		4,038.22

Transfers:

Collector Extra Clerical	75.00	
Collector Moving Safe	85.00	
Collector Expense	100.00	
Land Damages	355.00	
Town Clerk Expenses	110.00	
Registration Extra Clerical	160.00	
Police Extra Men, Vacation	3,134.24	
Police School Duty	430.00	
Police Expense	250.50	
Fire Expense	725.75	
Tree Warden Salary	1,040.00	
Health Contagious Diseases	2,068.75	
Health Plumbing Inspector	529.07	
Sewer Maintenance	536.00	
Sewer House Connections	327.00	
Dutch Elm Disease	1,264.00	
Veterans Benefits	4,000.00	
Schools Operation of Plant	1,200.52	
Schools Maint. of Plant	68.54	
Athletic Fund	1,000.00	
Park—New Boat	100.00	
Contributory Retirement System	60.00	
Non-Contributory Retirements	1,642.45	
General Government	303.60	
Interest	1,887.64	
Premiums	529.48	
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		21,982.54

Cash Balance December 31, 1953

General	866,373.55	
Water Department	45,536.32	
Electric Light Department	146,595.58	
Electric Light Depreciation	229,693.95	
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		1,288,199.40
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		\$8,855,888.56

EXPENDITURES *

General Government

Legislative		
Moderator	\$	25.00
Finance Committee		
Secretary Salary		500.00
Expenses		
Clerical	\$	150.89
Assoc. Meeting and Dues		54.35
Advertising		20.00

Printing	502.00	
Supplies, Postage, Phone	58.66	
	<hr/>	785.90
Selectmen		
Selectmen Salaries		2,100.00
Clerk		2,800.98
Expenses		
Office Expenses and Supplies	281.23	
Assoc. Dues, Meetings	128.50	
Telephone	256.15	
Extra Clerical	75.00	
All other	43.50	
	<hr/>	784.48
Accounting		
Accountant		4,058.75
Clerk		2,584.14
Expenses		
Office Expenses	126.71	
Telephone	109.52	
Safe Repair	15.50	
Clock and Window Repair	10.50	
All Other	27.48	
	<hr/>	289.71
Treasurer		
Salary Treasurer		4,500.00
Clerks		5,072.60
Extra Clerical		176.00
New Typewriter		150.00
Parking Meter Office Expense		31.50
Expenses		
Tax Titles	98.62	
Office Expense and Supplies	1,412.37	
Printing and Advertising	266.73	
Telephone	177.10	
Surety Bond	339.50	
Repair Protectorgrapher	35.35	
All Others	56.39	
	<hr/>	2,386.06
Collector		
Salary Collector		3,900.00
Clerk		2,260.88
Extra Clerical		709.00
Moving Safe		80.00
Expenses		
Office Expenses	1,331.92	
Printing and Advertising	665.25	
Telephone	204.50	
Surety Bond	514.50	
Recordings, Takings	174.66	
Mileage	185.00	
Moving Expenses	117.00	
All Others	28.15	
	<hr/>	3,220.98

Assessors

Assessors Salaries		3,600.00
Clerks		6,875.75
Deputy Assessors		150.00
Field Engineer		750.00
Expenses		
Office Expenses	880.20	
Printing and Advertising	79.00	
School of Instruction	244.62	
Telephone	222.15	
Abstract of Deeds	607.71	
Binding	193.83	
Mileage	750.00	
Extra Clerical	155.00	
All Other	75.65	
		<hr/> 3,208.16

Law

Town Counsel		3,500.00
Clerical		285.00
Witness Fees		99.50
Expenses		
Office Expenses	286.38	
Laws	181.00	
Meetings	48.32	
Land Court Registry	160.86	
		<hr/> 676.56
Settlement of Claims		636.13
Land Damages		16,736.00

Town Clerk

Salary		3,660.00
Clerk		2,493.40
Extra Clerical		380.00
Expenses		
Office Expenses	410.03	
Printing and Advertising	526.65	
Telephone	91.28	
Surety Bond	20.00	
Recount Expense	126.00	
All Other	15.70	
		<hr/> 1,189.66

Registration

Registrars		300.00
Listing		1,400.00
Clerical		1,760.00
Expenses		
Office Expenses	281.95	
Printing and Advertising	1,313.03	
Janitor	27.00	
Rent	3.00	
		<hr/> 1,624.98

Election		
Election Officials and Janitors		4,791.50
Expenses		
Printing and Advertising	298.95	
Meals	476.00	
Rent	75.00	
Lights	104.10	
		<hr/> 954.05

Engineering		
Engineer		3,330.45
Transitman		3,237.00
Rodman		2,815.80
Clerk		2,493.40
Expenses		
Supplies	417.07	
Maps and Plans ..	349.25	
Telephone	191.00	
Auto	211.49	
		<hr/> 1,168.81

Town Hall Maintenance		
Janitors		5,581.55
New Bubbler		150.00
Maintenance		
Gas	38.36	
Fuel	1,759.81	
Lights	578.12	
Janitor Supplies	430.56	
Repairs	1,999.09	
Water	44.97	
Awning Service	45.00	
Public Hall License	25.00	
Flower Beds	32.50	
Flags ..	33.63	
All Other	25.85	
		<hr/> 5,012.89

Protection of Persons and Property

Police Department		
Salaries and Wages		
Chief	5,162.50	
Deputy	4,597.50	
Lieutenants	12,750.00	
Sergeants	19,869.40	
Patrolmen	110,057.43	
Janitor	2,807.20	
Clerk	2,549.80	
Vacation and Sickness	11,179.01	
School Duty	7,296.00	
Election Duty.....	441.00	
Sunset Lake Duty	1,309.38	
		<hr/> 178,019.22
Uniforms		2,996.13
Radio Maintenance		302.62
Out State Travel		89.80

Patrol Wagon		3,440.16
New Cars		3,351.00
Dog Officer		
Salary	300.00	
Expenses	124.83	
		424.83
Expenses		
Auto Expense	1,834.21	
Gasoline and Oil	3,621.72	
Matron Services	55.75	
Equipment for Men	47.96	
Additional Equipment	258.90	
Photograph Supplies	109.40	
Office Supplies	307.77	
Telephone and Teletype	1,985.75	
Parking Meter	135.00	
Medical	64.56	
Assoc. Dues, Meeting Expenses	65.05	
Court Fees and Expenses	108.00	
Laundry	57.75	
Repairs to Call Box	57.50	
All Other	140.85	
		8,850.17
Fire Department		
Salaries and Wages		
Chief	5,162.50	
Deputies	13,727.50	
Captains	8,500.00	
Lieutenants	19,875.00	
Privates	113,884.87	
Extra Pay of Men	7,741.00	
Call Men	1,000.00	
		169,890.87
Uniforms		2,099.10
In and Out of State Travel		100.00
New Equipment		
Cannisters and Oxygen for Masks	199.56	
New Hose	1,800.00	
New Gates	80.00	
New Nozzles	139.00	
Soft Suction Hose	60.00	
New Chiefs' Car	1,200.00	
Fog Applicator	80.50	
Smoke Ejector	167.50	
Barway Couplings	50.00	
Booster Nozzles	131.00	
Triple Combination	18,000.00	
		21,907.56
Paint E. Braintree Station		175.00
Addition Highlands Station		7.56
Expenses		
Equipment for Men	193.57	
Equipment	447.07	
Auto Expenses	1,970.01	

Repairs	446.47	
Gasoline and Oil	1,441.14	
Water	42.74	
Fuel	1,152.88	
Lights	133.85	
Janitor Supplies	337.45	
Furniture and Furnishings	314.34	
Medical	116.98	
Office Expenses	150.32	
Telephone	898.96	
Material, Supplies for Repairs	341.52	
Dues	21.00	
Diving at Dam	72.00	
Oil	55.20	
All Other	88.48	
		8,223.98
Fire Alarm		
Repairman	3,956.20	
All Other	1,883.69	
Alternator	548.67	
Cross Arms	749.67	
Wire	500.00	
Tappers	224.78	
Radio Maintenance	294.39	
Boxes	1,519.96	
Installation Boxes ..	662.55	
Transformer	63.14	
Vacation	132.68	
Uniforms	50.00	
Radio Mobile Unit	495.00	
		11,080.73
Central Fire and Police Station		
Fuel		1,800.00
Maintenance		
Gas	57.42	
Lights	464.13	
Janitor Supplies	479.98	
Repairs	542.08	
Water	61.50	
Fuel	190.30	
All Other	74.59	
		1,870.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures		
Salary ..		1,000.00
Expenses		
Office Expense	51.11	
Mileage	338.38	
		389.49
Inspector of Buildings		
Salary Inspector	1,200.00	
Salary Deputy	100.00	
Expenses	125.00	
		1,425.00

Inspector of Wiring		
Salary Inspector	1,800.00	
Salary Deputy	100.00	
Expenses	200.00	
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		2,100.00
Planning Board		
Secretary	407.15	
Labor	545.00	
Drawing, Maps, Prints	326.36	
Advertising	124.80	
Dues, Meeting Expenses	58.94	
Mileage	101.28	
Office Expense	104.84	
Printing	431.50	
Sub. Newspaper	12.50	
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		2,122.37
Board of Appeal on Zoning		240.74
Town Forest		350.00
Tree Warden		
Salary of Warden		2,765.00
General Care		1,750.00
Tree Bank		500.00
Planting New Trees		497.69
Trees as Listed		
81 Howard Street—Elm	30.00	
40 West Street—Pine	20.00	
West St. Farm River Bridge—4 Elms . .	70.00	
30 School Street—3 Elms	90.00	
Opposite 53 Faxon Street—Elm	15.00	
Opposite 53 Faxon Street—Elm	10.00	
Pole 6 Faxon Street—Elm	15.00	
Pole 6 Faxon Street—Elm	10.00	
Pole 24 Union Street—Elm	5.00	
24 Union Street—Elm	25.00	
Pole 65-66 Union Street—Willow	20.00	
Pole 66-67 Union Street—Elm	35.00	
Pole 66-67 Union Street—Elm	20.00	
Pole 66-67 Union Street—Elm	20.00	
167 Middle Street—Elm Trunk	45.00	
20 Bowditch Street—Elm	30.00	
37 Common Street—Elm	50.00	
52 Common Street—Elm	40.00	
60 Common Street—Elm clump	50.00	
68 Common Street—Twin Elm	35.00	
13 Berwick Street—Elm	15.00	
37 Town Street—Elm	50.00	
Between Pole 18-19 Shaw Street—Elm . .	25.00	
Between Pole 49-50 Shaw Street—Elm . .	15.00	
Between Pole 50-49 Shaw Street—Elm . .	5.00	
Between Pole 49-50 Shaw Street—Elm . .	15.00	
766 Washington Street—Elm	30.00	
Cor. Taylor and Tremont Street—Elm . .	75.00	
Art Leather—Elm	35.00	

Between Pole 39-40 Pearl Street—Elm	15.00	
Opposite Pole 39 Pearl Street—Elm ..	20.00	
19 Sagamore Street—Oak	20.00	
14 Hickory Road—Elm	60.00	
Pole 16 Holils Avenue—Elm	80.00	
30 Manatiquot Avenue—Elm.....	70.00	
121 Allen Street—Elm	80.00	
Perkins School—Elm	80.00	
35 Washington Street—Elm	20.00	
2 Middle Street—Elm	30.00	
105 School Street—Elm	35.00	
98 School Street—Elm	50.00	
7 Drinkwater Avenue—Spruce	25.00	
18 Drinkwater Avenue—Linden	35.00	
34 Drinkwater Avenue—Elm	45.00	
49 Roberts Street—Elm	30.00	
Corner Edwards and Robert Street— Maple	20.00	
39 Hobart Avenue—Elm	45.00	
Storrs Avenue Parking Lot—Elm	35.00	
Pole 153 Wasnington Street—Elm	20.00	
11 Hamilton Street—Cherry	15.00	
8 Hillside Road—2 Ash	10.00	
8 Hillside Road—Ash	20.00	
Old Elm Street—Ash	65.00	
26 Jefferson Street—Maple	20.00	
26 Jefferson Street—Ash	20.00	
14 Hobart Street—Elm	40.00	
Pole 37-38 Plain Street—Elm	30.00	
670 Commercial Street—Elm	40.00	
11 Holmes Street—Popular	60.00	
Pole 20 Adams Street—Elm	40.00	
101 Stetson Street—Ash	10.00	
Pole 5-6 Kinghill Road—Popular	25.00	
Cor. Middle and Union Streets—Elm ..	20.00	
Pole 65-66 Middle Street—Elm	10.00	
Pole 66-67 Middle Street—Elm	20.00	
Pole 69 Middle Street—Elm Clump	25.00	
65-66 Middle Street—Elm Clump	25.00	
Pole 83 Liberty Street—Elm	10.00	
Pole 5 Shaw Street—Elm	5.00	
Pole 8-9 Shaw Street—Elm	15.00	
65 Wilkins Road—Elm	20.00	
74 Wyman Road—Maple	20.00	
72 Hancock Street—Elm	20.00	
24 Hobart Street—Elm	20.00	
73 Beechwood Road—Elm	20.00	
65 Milton Road—Cherry	15.00	
Pole 3 Middle Street—Elm	20.00	
Opposite Pole 16 Shaw Street—Elm ..	25.00	
		2,500.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health	
Salary Board	300.00
Agent	3,031.87

Clerk		2,350.40
Expenses		
Office Expenses	134.08	
Printing and Advertising	54.79	
Telephone	171.15	
Mileage	940.00	
All Other	74.40	
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		1,374.42
New Equipment		80.50
Diphtheria Clinic		229.75
Disposal of Dead Animals		377.00
Premature Infant Care		432.00
Contagious Diseases		7,568.75
T. B. Prevention		480.00
Control of Communicable Diseases		1,500.00
Health Education		1,200.00
Vital Statistics		85.50
Slaughtering Inspector		350.00
Plumbing Inspector		3,488.57
Rabies Clinic		30.00
Garbage Collection		19,500.00
Dental Clinic		7,337.76
Animal Inspector		350.00
Inspection Eating and Drinking Est.		399.75
Milk Inspection		350.00
Sewer Department		
Commissioners Salaries		300.00
Superintendent Salary		6,022.50
Clerk		2,079.26
Maintenance		
Office Supplies and Expense.....	447.09	
Labor	13,663.79	
Trucks, Auto, Compressor	1,460.53	
Materials and Tools	832.58	
Repairs, New Equipment and Replace- ments	1,217.11	
Tel. Light, Water Power	2,266.70	
All Other	1,158.40	
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		21,046.20
House Connections		
Labor	23,889.83	
Compressor, Trucks, Pumps	1,906.30	
Materials and Tools	12,714.18	
All Other	2,038.49	
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		40,548.80
1954 New Construction		
Labor	6,225.32	
Contracts	79,825.41	
All Other	1,587.89	
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		87,638.62
1953 New Construction		
Labor	4,563.69	
Contract	20,784.38	
All Other	789.23	
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		26,137.30

Air Compressor		2,855.00
New Equipment Common Street Pump.		
Station		460.20
Deposits		
Martini	368.22	
Collins	807.24	
		<hr/> 1,175.46

HIGHWAYS

Superintendent ..		4,971.13
Other Salaries		
Patching	5,668.04	
Street Cleaning	11,170.73	
Drains	9,794.57	
Repair Equipment	6,628.27	
Rubbish Collection	13,708.69	
Snow Removal	12,783.79	
Dump	3,377.69	
Moth	353.45	
Street and Traffic Signs	1,411.09	
Fence and Rails	31.22	
Cut Brush	1,632.83	
Repair Sidewalks	952.70	
Taring and Sanding	1,576.23	
Election Booths	260.17	
Dutch Elm	216.52	
Streets Resurfaced	3,989.41	
All Other	15,278.64	
1948 New Construction Smelt Brook	22.40	
1949 Elliot Street	121.48	
1951 New Construction Peach Street	65.16	
1952 New Construction Middle Street ..	5,488.35	
1953 New Construction		
Commercial Street	58.85	
Vinton Avenue	61.37	
Franklin Street	75.60	
Liberty Street	18,600.60	
1954 New Construction		
Common Street Roadway	2,533.31	
Commercial Street Drain	3,042.25	
Hollis Avenue Sidewalk	15.78	
Liberty Street Sidewalk	12.27	
Bellevue Road Sidewalk.....	15.78	
Fairview Avenue Sidewalk	7.01	
Cedar Street Sidewalk	12.27	
Wayne Avenue Drain	1,863.67	
Brookside Road Fence	1,977.53	
Sullivan Fence	2,599.51	
		<hr/> 125,407.23
Materials and Supplies		
Gasoline and Oil ..	12,103.21	
Patching	2,331.00	
Drains	1,968.39	
Repairs Equipment	10,369.03	
Snow Removal	6,167.13	

Supplies	5,333.26	
Repair Sidewalks	449.76	
Taring and Sanding	3,947.27	
Street and Traffic Signs	1,285.60	
Fence and Rails	7.74	
Dump	72.00	
All Other	1,297.26	
		45,331.65
Miscellaneous Special Appropriations		
½ Ton Pick-up	1,291.00	
1 Ton Pick-up	1,375.00	
2 Ton Chassis Cab	1,940.00	
Street Sweeper	7,791.00	
Streets Resurfaced	14,113.88	
1949 Elliot Street	14.04	
1953 Jefferson Street Bridge	202.52	
1953 Berwick Street		
Labor	1,470.65	
Materials	904.18	
		2,374.83
1953 Thayer Road		
Labor	882.59	
Materials	549.59	
		1,432.18
1953 Storrs Avenue		
Labor	721.52	
Materials	269.32	
		990.84
1954 Boscobel Street		
Labor	160.56	
Materials	51.97	
		212.53
1954 Marshfield Road		
Labor	916.15	
Materials	430.88	
		1,347.03
1954 Home Park Road		
Labor	1,050.87	
Materials	518.21	
		1,569.08
1954 Azel Road		
Labor	1,225.15	
Materials	430.21	
		1,655.36
1953 Chapter 90 Construction ...	49,964.30	
1954 Chapter 90 Construction ..	22,290.60	
1954 Chapter 90 Maintenance		
Labor	750.80	
Materials	5,242.29	
		5,993.09
Dutch Elm Disease	3,923.98	
Gypsy Moth Control		
Supt. Salary	500.00	

Insecticide	108.17	
Tools	43.26	
		651.43
		<u>\$119,132.69</u>
1948 New Construction		
Smelt Brook		190.00
1952 New Construction		
Middle Street		2,513.15
1953 New Construction		
Liberty Street	9,709.80	
Franklin Street	2,936.80	
Commercial Street	3,501.18	
		16,147.78
1954 New Construction		
Commercial Street	1,487.78	
Hollis Avenue	593.10	
Liberty Street	328.50	
Bellevue Road	444.60	
Fairview Avenue	162.00	
Cedar Street	281.70	
Wayne Avenue	1,908.25	
Brookside Road	4,843.80	
Sullivan Fence	632.10	
Common Street	100.25	
		10,782.08

CHARITIES AND VETERANS' SERVICES

Welfare		
Board	600.00	
Agent	4,200.00	
Social Worker (1)	1,833.80	
Social Worker (2)	1,400.00	
Social Worker (3)	1,600.00	
Clerk (1)	1,400.00	
Clerk (2)	2,000.00	
Clerk (3)	1,887.00	
		14,920.80
Expenses		
Office	440.67	
Auto	553.96	
		994.63
1953 Appro. T. A., A. D. C., O. A. A., D.A.		3,390.46
O.A.A. Recoveries		93.40
T. A. A., D. C., O.A.A., D.A.		
Groceries and Provisions	2,359.55	
Fuel, Light	708.38	
Rent	1,278.90	
Medical Services, Medicine	1,469.25	
State Institutions	3,957.01	
Shoes and Clothing	218.57	
Other Cities and Towns, T.A.	3,943.48	

Other Cities and Towns O.A.A.	3,491.26	
Cash Grants T.A.	1,969.40	
Cash Grants O.A.A.	123,396.91	
Cash Grants A.D.C.	20,545.45	
Cash Grants D.A.	7,909.37	
	<hr/>	171,247.53
Federal Grants		
Cash Grants O.A.A.	141,497.24	
Cash Grants A.D.C.	21,009.75	
Cash Grants D.A.	6,852.17	
	<hr/>	169,359.16
Federal Grants Admr.		
O. A. A.		
Agent	1,350.00	
Soial Worker (1)	1,226.20	
Social Worker (2)	1,455.75	
Social Worker (3)	1,220.00	
Extra Clerical	109.60	
Expenses	3,189.53	
	<hr/>	8,551.08
A. D. C.		
Clerk (1)	1,360.00	
Clerk (2)	400.00	
Clerk (3)	420.70	
Expenses	34.56	
	<hr/>	2,215.26
D. A.		
Extra Clerial	526.08	
Expenses	2.21	
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Infirmary		
Superintendent ...		2,713.40
Matron		628.22
1953 Repairs and Maintenance		184.18
Expenses		
Groceries and Provisions	2,986.70	
Shoes, Clothing, Dry Goods	146.95	
Household Supplies	392.82	
Fuel, Light, Water	1,088.87	
Medical	203.60	
Repairs	178.90	
Telephone	120.20	
All Other	156.41	
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Venerans Services		
Agent ..		2,981.06
Clerk		2,477.80
Expenses		
Auto	416.60	
Office	425.30	
	<hr/>	841.90
1953 Appropriation		28.36
Benefits		
Cash Grants	27,930.10	

Fuel	312.69	
Medical	5,443.14	
Clothing	119.43	
Provisions	3,893.79	
All Other	55.62	
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		37,754.77

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

Schools

Superintendent		9,500.00
In and Out of State Travel		200.00
Instruction		
Salaries	880,926.23	
Expenses	21,238.61	
Textbooks	23,372.63	
Supplies	30,070.08	
Other Expenses	2,438.48	
Special Studies of Public Law 874	332.00	
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		958,378.03

Operation of School Plant

Janitor Services	82,602.82	
Fuel	26,596.24	
Miscellaneous Expense	11,623.98	
Water	1,907.12	
Light and Power	14,207.83	
Telephone	3,676.36	
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		140,614.35

Maintenance of Shool Plant

Salaries and Expenses	22,749.14	
Materials and Supplies	12,063.22	
Repairs-Specific	29,458.56	
Replacement of Equipment	2,897.62	
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		67,168.54

Auxiliary Agencies

Libraries	1,166.28	
Promotion of Health	14,626.73	
Transportation	31,605.96	
Tuition	3,561.72	
Recreation	9,515.00	
Miscellaneous	2,306.70	
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		62,782.39

Other General Expenses

School Committee	181.34	
General Salaries	11,685.39	
General Expenses	3,386.08	
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		15,252.81

Outlay

Alterations and Improvements	1,553.77	
New Equipment	11,903.78	
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		13,457.55
Lunch Room Program High		27,843.53
Lunch Room Program Elementary		80,887.02
Athletic Fund		15,867.68

Sundry School Accounts

Hollis School Addition	567,774.40	
Repair Hollis School	11,368.59	
Plans, Specs. Hollis School	6,229.86	
Plans, Specs. School Perkins Area	4,612.44	
School Perkins Area	121,945.47	
Lakeside Site School	10,935.82	
Flye Site School	6,811.91	
Penniman School Annex	119.50	
Monatiquot School Annex	119.50	
Plans, Specs. Jr. High School.....	600.00	
School Study Committee	125.00	
Plans, Specs., Drawings	554.00	
		731,196.49
Evening School		5,929.67
1953 School Judgment		37,523.09
1953 Maintenance of School Plant		1,980.00
Smith, Hughes Borden Fund		203.86

Libraries

Librarians ..		29,872.74
Janitors ...		3,495.94
New Library		2,549.90
New Library Furnishings		4,564.85
Expenses		
Books	5,642.26	
Periodicals	623.45	
Binding	1,149.92	
Transporting Books	200.00	
Fuel	1,665.84	
Lights	441.75	
Repairs	205.13	
Furniture and Furnishings	36.00	
Rent	1,200.00	
Office Expense, Supplies	1,076.35	
Janitor Supplies	307.48	
Telephone	487.83	
Water	43.05	
All Other	470.68	
		13,549.74

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Parks and Playgrounds

Supervisor Salary		3,546.60
Secretary		300.00
Labor		2,998.13
Expenses		
Equipment Hire	156.00	
Mower Expenses and Repairs	227.70	
Truck Expenses and Repairs	418.34	
Lights	21.54	
Water	120.78	
Truck Insurance	43.76	
Barn Rent	480.00	
Office Expense	31.57	
Fuel for Barn	18.95	

Advertising	27.83	
Signs ..	15.00	
All Others	19.08	
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		1,580.55
Materials, Supplies and Repairs		
Fertilizer, Lime, Seed	415.70	
Loam, Sand, Fill	390.74	
Sports Supplies	153.65	
Tools, Paint, Lumber, Cement, Hardware	1,524.79	
Paving Supplies	1,500.00	
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		3,984.88
New Construction		
Hollis Field Tennis Practice Board	278.00	
Basketball and Tennis Court	1,292.98	
Watson Park 2 Baseball Diamonds....	428.50	
Faxon St. Playground	4,545.29	
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		6,544.77
New Equipment		
Chair Type Swings	241.00	
Short Slides	498.10	
Wire Tennis Nets and Posts	244.00	
Giant Stride	96.90	
Merry-Go-Round	151.51	
Jungle Gym	180.00	
Gravelly Mower	430.00	
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		1,841.51
New Boat		100.00
Organized Play		
Supervisors Salary		600.00
Instructors Salaries		5,104.50
Expenses		
Athletics	596.11	
Games	27.70	
Arts and Crafts	250.09	
Transportation of Children	284.50	
Expenses and Travel Super.	300.00	
Office Expense and All Other	40.17	
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		1,498.57
Swimming Program		
Lifeguard Salaries		2,944.00
Salary of Matron		350.00
Salary of Caretaker		125.00
Expenses		
Lifeguard Training	150.00	
Uniforms	56.49	
Swimming Supplies	51.81	
First Aid Supplies	45.75	
Water	10.48	
Barrels	116.50	
Toilets	14.15	
Rafts	37.90	
Office Expense	47.95	
All Other	31.67	
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		562.70

Unclassified

Civilian Defense

Police	238.94
Fire	62.54
Administration	852.72
Communications	293.70
Civilian Defense	1,419.29

2,867.19

Auxiliary Police Jackets

1,650.00

Memorial Day

V.F.W.	250.00
D.U.V.	100.00
Legion	248.75

598.75

Insurance

Boiler	2,224.07
Photo Equipment	18.75
Auto Liability	1,864.19
Auto Fire and Theft	285.34
Buildings and Contents	8,382.27
Employees Compensation	10,789.91

23,564.53

General Government

Printing and Advertising	662.80
Town Meeting Expenses	140.00
Medical Panel	40.00
Medical Bills (Police)	35.00
Town Hall Janitor	408.80
Duplicating Machine	303.56
Town Hall Expenses	129.00
Services at Dam	60.00
All Other	69.51

1,848.67

Legion Building

Janitor	580.00
Fuel	522.00
Repairs	91.00
Water	7.00

1,200.00

Legion Building 1953 Appropriation

113.26

Non-Contributory Pensions

Fire Chief	2,602.24
Deputy Fire Chief	2,535.00
Police Chief	1,950.00
Patrolmen	2,100.00
Patrolman Beneficiary	1,300.01
Highway Employee	2,394.60
Highway Employee	1,016.82

13,898.67

Withholding Tax Reserve	247,044.58
Savings Bonds Reserve	6,347.86
V.F.W. Rent of Hall	960.00
Salary Survey Committee	4,455.13
Hydrant Service	14,750.00
Contributory Retirement System	18,316.44

Town Reports	1,407.39	
National Guard	450.00	
Unpaid Bills Prior to 1954	590.55	
South Shore Mosquito Control	5,800.00	
Street Lighting	13,060.00	
Park Land Purchase	1,500.00	
Industrial Commission	38.00	
		314,719.95
Personnel Board Salary Adjustment		
Accountant Salary	58.75	
Clerk Salary	90.74	
Selectmen's Clerk	307.58	
Tax Collector Clerk	33.28	
Assessors Clerks	18.90	
Engineer Salary	33.70	
Transitman	49.40	
Rodman	158.60	
Health Agent	23.12	
Clerk	5.20	
Town Hall Janitor	11.70	
Police Chief	12.50	
Deputy	47.50	
Sergeants	119.40	
Patrolmen	773.37	
Fire Chief	12.50	
Deputies	77.50	
Lieutenants	125.00	
Fire Privates	798.40	
Fire Alarm Repairman	6.20	
Park Supervisor	46.60	
Infirmmary Matron	78.22	
Veterans Services Agent	9.36	
Clerk	7.80	
Library Librarians	237.68	
Janitors	50.00	
Water Clerks	50.70	
Other Salaries and Wages	268.06	
Highway Other Salaries	659.72	
Sewer Superintendent	22.50	
Clerk	29.90	
Maintenance	19.50	
House Connections	130.00	
		4,373.38
Hurricane Carol		
Electric Light Depreciation		40,000.00
Park Department	1,315.50	
Highway Department	27,324.65	
Tree Warden	13,334.59	
Water Department	2,222.42	
School Department	1,777.90	
Cemetery Department	146.63	
Town Forest	2,000.25	
Infirmmary Building	619.84	
Police Department	226.17	
Fire and Fire Alarm Departments	1,702.38	
Town Hall	912.20	

Fire Station	241.10	
Police and Fire Station	125.00	
		51,948.63
Hurricane Edna		
Electric Light Depreciation		8,560.61
Highway Department	920.79	
Police	172.75	
Tree Warden	392.84	
Park	10.00	
School	200.00	
		1,696.38

ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERIES

Water Department	..	
Commissioners Salaries	300.00	
Superintendent Salary	6,500.00	
Clerks Salaries	10,250.70	
Other Expenses Incl. New Eqpt. and		
Wages	192,336.55	..
Out of State Travel	100.00	
New Standpipe	57,340.82	
Chlorination Sunset Lake	1,481.60	
Interest and Debt	16,972.50	
		285,282.17

Electric Light Department		
Depreciation Account	66,458.46	
Construction Account	21,186.42	
New Plant Account	85,115.83	
Maintenance	899,906.74	
		1,072,667.45

Cemeteries		
Superintendent		460.00
Expenses		
Labor	1,012.00	
Loam	330.00	
Water	8.00	
Tools	149.19	
		1,499.19
Dyer Hill Cemetery		100.00

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

Interest		
Anticipation of Revenue Loans	3,440.49	
Water	1,972.50	
Schools	58,020.39	
Sewer	9,937.25	
Highway Garage	720.00	
Library	4,095.00	
Light	22,662.50	
		100,848.13
Accrued Interest		333.11
Maturing Debt		
Water	15,000.00	
Library	15,000.00	
Lights	70,000.00	
Schools	162,000.00	

Sewer	57,000.00	
Highway Garage	7,000.00	
		326,000.00
Anticipation of Revenue		1,400,000.00
Premiums		2,551.75
AGENCY, TRUSTS, REFUNDS, TRANSFERS		
Trusts Funds		
N. H. Hunt	864.19	
Ann M. Penniman	15.00	
Charles French	49.84	
		929.03
Transfers		
From Reserve Fund to Sundry Accounts (See Receipts)		21,982.54
Refunds		
Taxes and Assessments 1954		
Real	18,637.10	
Personal	106.00	
Poll	25.00	
Motor Vehicles	5,291.84	
		24,059.94
Taxes and Assessments 1953		
Real	810.70	
Motor Vehicles	1,314.46	
		2,125.61
Taxes 1952-Real		375.44
Taxes 1951-Real		34.60
Estimated Receipts		10.00
State and County Assessments		
County Tax	52,892.49	
Dog Licenses	2,643.40	
County Hospital	43,525.56	
Auditing Municipal Accounts	2,518.33	
State Exam. Retirement System	131.82	
Metro. Parks	27,327.30	
Metro. Sewer	36,306.95	
Smoke Inspection	499.60	
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth	4,680.66	
		170,526.11
Cash Balance December 31, 1954		
General	822,830.98	
Water Department	35,644.78	
Electric Light Department	75,838.30	
Electric Light Depreciation	256,574.76	
		1,190,888.82
		\$8,855,888.56
Unpaid bills prior to Jan. 1, 1955		
School Dept., Giles Service Station		17.64
School Dept. Business Education Films ..		4.14
Esso Standard Oil Co. Mar. 7/54		28.50
Total		50.28

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. MAGLATHLIN, Town Accountant

1954 RECAPITULATION — LEDGER ACCOUNT

	Balance Jan. 1, '54	Appropria- tions	Receipts	Transfers	Refunds	Total	Expended	Closed to Revenue Etc.	Balance 12/31/54	Transfers Out
GENERAL GOVERNMENT										
Moderator		25.00				25.00	25.00			
Finance Committee—Secy. Expense		500.00				500.00	500.00			
Accountant—Salary		875.00				875.00	785.90	89.10		
Secy.		4,000.00		58.75		4,058.75	4,058.75			
Expense		2,493.40		90.74		2,584.14	2,584.14			
		335.00				335.00	289.71	.29	45.00	
Selectmen—Salaries		2,100.00				2,100.00	2,100.00			
Secy.		2,493.40		307.58		2,800.98	2,800.98			
Expense		825.00				825.00	784.48	40.52		
1955 State Census		1,800.00				1,800.00			1,800.00	
Treasurer—Salary		4,500.00				4,500.00	4,500.00			
Clerks		5,072.60				5,072.60	5,072.60			
Expense		2,404.00		56.00	22.75	2,482.75	2,442.06	40.69		
X-Clerical Help		200.00				200.00	176.00	24.00		
X-Clerical Park. Meters New Typewriter	123.54					123.54				123.54
Parking Meter Off. Exp. Collector—Salary		180.00				180.00	150.00	30.00		
Clerk		200.00				200.00	31.50		168.50	
X-Clerical Help		3,900.00				3,900.00	3,900.00			
Petty Cash	400.00	2,227.60		33.28		2,260.88	2,260.88			
Expense		650.00		75.00		725.00	709.00			16.00
New Safe						400.00			400.00	
Moving Safe		3,124.50		100.00		3,224.50	3,220.98			3.52
Assessors—Salaries		350.00				350.00		350.00		
Deputy Assessor				85.00		85.00	80.00			5.00
Clerks		3,600.00				3,600.00	3,600.00			
Expense		150.00				150.00	150.00			
Witness Fees	1,050.00	7,820.80				7,820.80	6,875.75	945.05		
Field Engineer		3,200.00		150.00	9.00	3,359.00	3,358.16	.84	1,050.00	
Law—Town Counsel Salary Expense		750.00				750.00	750.00			
Settlement of Claims		3,500.00				3,500.00	3,500.00			
Land Damages	361.83	700.00				700.00	676.56	23.44		
Clerical Expense	2,381.00	400.00			40.00	801.83	636.18		165.55	
Out of State Travel		14,000.00		355.00		16,736.00	16,736.00			
Witness Fees & Trial Expense		300.00				300.00	285.00	15.00		
		100.00				100.00			100.00	
	300.00					300.00	99.50		200.50	

Town Clerk—Salary	3,421.10	.....	238.90	.....	3,660.00	.....	.....	.....
Clerk	2,493.40	.....	.....	.....	2,493.40	.....	.....	.....
X-Clerical	380.00	.....	.....	.....	380.00	.....	.....	.....
Expense	1,110.00	.....	110.00	.....	1,220.00	.....	.....	30.34
Registration—Salaries	300.00	.....	.....	.....	300.00	.....	.....	.....
Listing Expense	1,400.00	.....	.....	.....	1,400.00	.....	.....	.....
Expense	1,730.00	.....	.....	.....	1,730.00	.....	105.02	.....
X-Clerical	1,600.00	.....	160.00	.....	1,760.00	.....	.....	.....
Election—Expenses	1,329.00	.....	.....	.....	1,329.00	.....	374.95	.....
Officials & Janitors	5,091.00	.....	.....	.....	5,091.00	.....	299.50	.....
Engineering—Engineer	4,095.20	.....	.....	.....	4,095.20	.....	764.75	.....
Transit Man	3,187.60	.....	49.49	.....	3,237.00	.....	.....	.....
Rodman	2,657.20	.....	158.60	.....	2,815.80	.....	.....	.....
Clerk	2,493.40	.....	.....	.....	2,493.40	.....	.....	.....
Expense	1,170.00	.....	.....	.....	1,170.00	.....	1.19	.....
Town Hall—Janitors	5,672.00	.....	11.70	.....	5,683.70	.....	102.15	.....
Repairs & Maintenance	4,500.00	.....	.....	.....	5,043.93	.....	31.04	.....
Bubbler & 2 New Chairs	150.00	.....	.....	.....	150.00	.....	.....	.....
Planning Board	1,590.00	.....	6.00	.....	2,494.38	.....	376.01	.....
Wire Inspector	1,800.00	.....	.....	.....	1,800.00	.....	.....	.....
Deputy Inspector	100.00	.....	.....	.....	100.00	.....	.....	.....
Wire Inspector Expense	200.00	.....	.....	.....	200.00	.....	.....	.....

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

Police Dept.—Chief's Salary	5,150.00	.....	12.50	.....	5,162.50	.....	.....	.....
Deputy Chief	4,550.00	.....	47.50	.....	4,597.50	.....	.....	.....
3 Lieuts.	12,750.00	.....	.....	.....	12,750.00	.....	.....	.....
5 Sergts.	19,750.00	.....	119.40	.....	19,869.40	.....	.....	.....
30 Patrolmen	109,967.04	.....	1,072.76	60.77	111,100.57	.....	723.14	.....
Ambulance Reserve .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3,991.87 .....	.....	893.00	.....	.....	4,884.87	.....	4,884.87	.....
Election Duty	441.00	.....	.....	.....	441.00	.....	.....	.....
Out of State Travel	150.00	.....	.....	.....	150.00	.....	60.20	.....
Aux. Police 75 Jackets	1,650.00	.....	.....	.....	1,650.00	.....	.....	.....
Janitor	2,807.20	.....	.....	.....	2,807.20	.....	.....	.....
Vacation Sick Leave	8,095.00	.....	3,238.48	.....	11,333.48	.....	.....	50.23
Clerk	2,549.80	.....	.....	.....	2,549.80	.....	.....	.....
Pensions—Non-Contrib.	12,881.93	.....	1,016.82	.....	13,898.75	.....	.....	.08
School Duty	6,885.00	.....	430.00	.....	7,315.00	.....	.....	19.00
Dog Officer	425.00	.....	.....	.....	425.00	.....	.17	.....
Sunset Lake Duty	1,380.00	.....	.....	.....	1,380.00	.....	70.62	.....
Uniforms	3,000.00	.....	.....	.....	3,000.00	.....	3.87	.....
Radio Maint.	575.00	.....	.....	.....	575.00	.....	272.38	.....
3 New Cars	4,125.00	.....	.....	.....	4,125.00	.....	774.00	.....
1 Patrol Wagon	4,500.00	.....	.....	.....	4,500.00	.....	1,059.84	.....

	Balance Jan. 1, '54	Appropriations	Receipts	Transfers	Refunds	Total	Expended	Closed to Revenue Etc.	Balance 12/31/54	Transfers Out
State Police School Expense	200.00	.....	.....	.....	200.00	.....	200.00	.....	.....
Fire Dept.—Chief's Salary	8,600.00	.....	277.96	.....	8,877.96	8,877.63	.....	.....	.33
3 Deputy Chiefs	5,150.00	.....	12.50	.....	5,162.50	5,162.50	.....	.....	.....
2 Captains	13,650.00	.....	77.50	.....	13,727.50	13,727.50	.....	.....	.....
5 Lieuts.	8,500.00	.....	.....	.....	8,500.00	8,500.00	.....	.....	.....
31 Privates	19,750.00	.....	125.00	86.58	19,961.58	19,875.00	86.58	.....	.....
Call Men	113,104.37	.....	1,763.16	.....	114,867.53	114,867.53	.....	.....	.....
X-Men Vacation Sick	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	1,000.00	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....
Leave	7,741.00	.....	.....	23.19	7,764.19	7,741.00	23.19	.....	.....
Expense	7,494.06	.....	.....	6.00	8,315.90	8,314.07	.....	.....	1.83
Uniforms	2,100.00	.....	815.84	.....	2,100.00	2,099.10	.90	.....	.....
In & Out of State Travel	100.00	.....	.....	.....	100.00	100.00	.....	.....	.....
New Station Braintree
Highlands	7.56	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.56	7.56	.....	.....	.....
New Hose	1,800.00	.....	.....	.....	1,800.00	1,800.00	.....	.....	.....
Soft Suction Hose	60.00	.....	.....	.....	60.00	60.00	.....	.....	.....
2 Nozzles	139.00	.....	.....	.....	139.00	139.00	.....	.....	.....
Booster Nozzles	131.00	.....	.....	.....	131.00	131.00	.....	.....	.....
1 Smoke Ejector	167.50	.....	.....	.....	167.50	167.50	.....	.....	.....
1 Fog Applicator	80.50	.....	.....	.....	80.50	80.50	.....	.....	.....
1 Triple Combination	18,000.00	.....	.....	.....	18,000.00	18,000.00	.....	.....	.....
Cannisters & Oxygen for
Masks	200.00	.....	.....	.....	200.00	199.56	.44	.....	.....
2—1/4 Turn Gates	80.00	.....	.....	.....	80.00	80.00	.....	.....	.....
10 Sets Couplings	50.00	.....	.....	.....	50.00	50.00	.....	.....	.....
Painting E. Bra. Station	175.00	.....	.....	.....	175.00	175.00	.....	.....	.....
Sewer Connection E. Bra.
Station	150.00	.....	.....	.....	150.00	.....	.....	150.00	.....
Replacing X Arms	750.00	.....	.....	.....	750.00	749.67	.33	.....	.....
New Car Chief	1,200.00	.....	.....	.....	1,200.00	1,200.00	.....	.....	.....
10 Alarm Boxes	1,520.00	.....	.....	.....	1,520.00	1,519.96	.04	.....	.....
Repairs & Maintenance
Central Sta.	1,870.00	.....	.....	.....	1,870.00	1,870.00	.....	.....	.....
Fuel	1,800.00	.....	.....	.....	1,800.00	1,800.00	.....	.....	.....
Fire Alarm—Repairman	3,950.00	.....	6.20	.....	3,956.20	3,956.20	.....	.....	.....
Expense	1,884.00	.....	.....	.....	1,884.00	1,883.69	.31	.....	.....
Vacation	132.68	.....	.....	.....	132.68	132.68	.....	.....	.....
Radio Maint.	300.00	300.00	294.39	5.61
Uniforms	50.00	50.00	50.00
10 Alarm Boxes Install.	663.20	663.20	662.55	.65

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HEALTH AND SANITATION

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	Balance Jan. 1, '54	Appropriations	Receipts	Transfers	Refunds	Total	Expended	Closed to Revenue Etc.	Balance 12/31/54	Transfers Out
Sewer Dept.—Supt. Salary	.....	6,000.00	.....	22.50	.....	6,022.50	6,022.50	.....	.....	.....
Clerks .....	.....	2,239.38	.....	29.90	.....	2,269.28	2,079.26	190.02	.....	.....
Maintenance .....	.....	20,500.00	.....	936.30	.....	21,436.30	21,427.00	.....	.....	9.30
House Connections .....	.....	40,000.00	.....	457.00	137.30	40,594.30	40,548.80	.....	.....	45.50
New Equip. Common St.	1,004.53	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,004.53	460.20	.....	544.33	.....
Salaries Board .....	.....	300.00	.....	.....	.....	300.00	300.00	.....	.....	.....
Pumping Site Purchase..	475.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	475.00	.....	.....	475.00	.....
1954 New Constr. ....	.....	50,000.00	50,000.00	.....	.....	100,000.00	87,638.62	.....	12,361.38	.....
1953 New Constr.	26,137.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	26,137.30	26,137.30	.....	.....	.....
105 Foot Compressor ...	.....	3,500.00	.....	.....	.....	3,500.00	2,855.00	645.00	.....	.....
Guaranteed Deposits ...	.....	.....	3,100.00	.....	.....	3,100.00	1,175.46	.....	.....	1,924.54
HIGHWAY										
Salary Supt. ....	.....	5,500.00	.....	.....	.....	5,500.00	4,971.13	528.87	.....	.....
Widening Bridge Jefferson St.	16,923.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	16,923.00	202.52	.....	16,720.48	.....
Dutch Elm Disease.....	3,910.00	5,000.00	.....	1,264.00	.....	10,174.00	3,923.98	.....	6,250.02	.....
Gypsy Moth Control.....	.....	1,525.00	.....	.....	.....	1,525.00	651.43	873.57	.....	.....
1953 Chapt. 90 Constr..	49,964.30	.....	.....	1,396.12	.....	51,360.42	51,360.42	.....	.....	.....
1954 Chapt. 90 Constr..	.....	34,800.00	.....	.....	.....	34,800.00	22,290.60	12,509.40	.....	.....
1954 Chapt. 90 Maint...	.....	6,000.00	.....	.....	.....	6,000.00	5,993.09	6.91	.....	.....
Other Salaries .....	.....	133,730.00	.....	820.28	.....	134,550.28	125,567.79	8,982.49	.....	.....
Material-Supplies-Repairs	.....	45,000.00	.....	.....	332.65	45,332.65	45,331.65	1.00	.....	.....
2 Ton Chassis and Cab	.....	2,475.00	.....	.....	.....	2,475.00	1,940.00	535.00	.....	.....
1954 New Construction..	.....	28,109.00	.....	.....	.....	28,109.00	10,782.08	.....	17,326.92	.....
1 Ton Pick-Up Truck..	.....	1,800.00	.....	.....	.....	1,800.00	1,375.00	425.00	.....	.....
½ Ton Pick-Up Truck..	.....	1,700.00	.....	.....	.....	1,700.00	1,291.00	409.00	.....	.....
Pick-Up Street Sweeper..	.....	7,900.00	.....	.....	.....	7,900.00	7,791.00	109.00	.....	.....
1953 New Construction..	18,412.26	.....	.....	5,171.03	.....	23,583.34	21,318.86	.....	2,264.48	.....
1952 New Construction..	5,150.59	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,150.59	2,513.15	.....	2,637.44	.....
1948 New Construction..	2,000.82	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,000.82	190.00	.....	1,810.82	.....
1951 New Construction..	2,161.19	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,161.19	.....	.....	2,161.19	.....
1953 Storrs Ave.	1,091.63	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,091.63	990.84	100.79	.....	.....
Mill Lane	878.36	.....	.....	.....	.....	878.36	.....	878.36	.....	.....
Faulkner Place	96.14	.....	.....	.....	.....	96.14	.....	96.14	.....	.....
1949 Elliot St.	33.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	33.50	14.04	19.46	.....	.....
1953 Thayer Road	1,553.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,553.00	1,432.18	120.82	.....	.....
Berwick Street	2,580.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,580.60	2,374.83	205.77	.....	.....
Street Resurfaced .....	.....	14,130.00	.....	.....	.....	14,130.00	14,113.88	16.12	.....	.....
1954 Azel Road .....	.....	1,723.00	.....	.....	.....	1,723.00	1,655.36	.....	67.64	.....
1954 Marshfield Road ..	.....	1,533.00	.....	.....	.....	1,533.00	1,347.03	.....	185.97	.....
1954 Home Park Road..	.....	2,695.00	.....	.....	.....	2,695.00	1,569.08	.....	1,125.92	.....

Walnut Street Ext. ....	.....	3,506.75	.....	.....	.....	3,506.75	.....
Hunt Ave. Sidewalk ....	.....	764.00	.....	.....	.....	764.00	.....
Boscabel Street .....	.....	217.00	.....	.....	.....	217.00	.....

CHARITIES AND VETERANS SERVICES

Board of Welfare—							
Salaries Board .....	.....	600.00	.....	.....	.....	600.00	.....
Salary Agent .....	.....	4,200.00	.....	.....	.....	4,200.00	.....
Social Worker .....	.....	1,833.80	.....	.....	.....	1,833.80	.....
Social Worker .....	.....	1,600.00	.....	.....	.....	1,600.00	.....
Clerk .....	.....	1,400.00	.....	.....	.....	1,400.00	.....
Social Worker .....	.....	1,400.00	.....	.....	.....	1,400.00	.....
Clerk .....	.....	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....	2,000.00	.....
Clerk .....	.....	1,979.30	.....	.....	.....	1,979.30	.....
Expenses .....	.....	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	1,000.00	.....
1954 Aid .....	.....	175,000.00	.....	68.00	.....	175,068.00	.....
1953 Aid	3,397.44	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,397.44	.....
Infirmity—Salary Supt. ...							
Matron .....	.....	2,713.40	.....	.....	.....	2,713.40	.....
Expenses .....	.....	550.00	.....	78.22	.....	628.22	.....
1953 Repair and Maint. ..	221.25	.....	.....	.55	.....	5,400.55	.....
Veterans' Services—							
1953 Benefits	500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	500.00	.....
1954 Benefits .....	.....	35,000.00	.....	4,016.69	.....	39,979.34	.....
Expenses .....	.....	850.00	.....	.....	.....	850.00	.....
Salary Agent .....	.....	2,971.70	.....	9.36	.....	2,981.06	.....
Clerk .....	.....	2,470.00	.....	7.89	.....	2,477.80	.....

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

School Dept.—Salary Supt.	9,500.00	9,500.00
Out of State Travel....	.....	200.00	.....	.....	.....	200.00	.....
Smith Hughes-Borden	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fund .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Plans, Specs., Drawings	.....	203.86	.....	.....	.....	203.86	.....
Hollis	6,962.09	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,229.86	.....
U.S. Grant Pub. Law 874	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Repairing Hollis School	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Building	27,840.43	.....	.....	.....	.....	11,368.59	.....
School Study Committee	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,000.00	.....
Instruction .....	.....	973,335.00	.....	427.08	.....	973,935.93	.....
Oper. of School Plant...	.....	138,970.00	.....	3,736.57	.....	143,150.40	.....
Maint. of School Plant...	.....	67,100.00	.....	68.54	.....	67,168.54	.....
1953 Maint. of School	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Plant	1,980.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,980.00	.....

	Balance Jan. 1, '54	Appropria- tions	Receipts	Transfers	Refunds	Total	Expended	Closed to Revenue Etc.	Balance 12/31/54	Transfers Out
Auxiliary Agencies . . . . .	.....	63,540.00	.....	10.00	4.00	63,554.00	62,792.39	761.61	.....	.....
Outlay . . . . .	.....	13,550.00	.....	.....	51.52	13,601.52	13,457.55	143.97	.....	.....
General Control . . . . .	.....	16,980.00	.....	87.00	.....	17,067.00	15,339.81	1,727.19	.....	.....
Athletic Fund	3,699.77	2,800.00	8,996.21	1,000.00	4.10	16,500.08	15,867.68	.....	632.40	.....
Petty Cash Advance	100.00	.....	.....	280.30	.....	380.00	.....	.....	.....	380.06
Land Plot 1 Plan 1098..	.....	3,050.00	.....	.....	.....	3,050.00	.....	.....	3,050.00	.....
High School Lunch Program	1,962.49	.....	27,718.03	.....	.....	29,680.52	27,843.53	.....	1,836.99	.....
Elem. School Lunch Program	2,816.87	.....	81,505.29	.....	.....	84,322.16	80,887.02	.....	3,435.14	.....
Hollis School Addition..	14,680.00	.....	670,000.00	.....	.....	684,680.00	567,774.40	.....	116,905.60	.....
New School Lakeside Dr.	41,297.72	.....	.....	.....	.....	41,297.72	10,935.82	.....	361.90	30,000.00
Plans Lakeside Site	209.01	.....	.....	.....	.....	209.01	.....	.....	.....	209.01
Land Plot 2 Plan 1098..	.....	1,875.00	.....	.....	.....	1,875.00	.....	.....	1,875.00	.....
Plans, Specs., Drawings	561.17	.....	.....	.....	.....	561.17	554.00	7.17	.....	.....
Land Plot 1 Plan 1087..	.....	325.00	.....	.....	.....	325.00	.....	.....	325.00	.....
New School Flye Site...	9,390.38	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,390.38	6,811.91	.....	2,578.47	.....
Link Fence, Etc. Torrey School	784.95	.....	.....	.....	.....	784.95	.....	.....	784.95	.....
Plans, Specs. New Jr. High . . . . .	.....	49,000.00	.....	.....	.....	49,000.00	600.00	.....	48,400.00	.....
Monatiquot Annex	19,334.68	.....	.....	.....	.....	19,334.68	119.50	.....	.....	19,215.18
Penniman Annex	4,401.05	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,401.05	119.50	.....	.....	4,281.55
New Addition High	51.58	.....	.....	.....	.....	51.58	.....	.....	.....	51.58
Evening School . . . . .	.....	6,000.00	.....	.....	.....	6,000.00	5,929.67	70.33	.....	.....
Plans Spec. Perkins Area	4,756.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,756.80	4,612.44	.....	144.36	.....
Perkins Area Elementary	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	183,000.00	121,945.47	.....	61,054.53	.....
1953 School Judgment...	.....	21,500.00	161,500.00	.....	.....	38,125.00	37,523.09	331.07	.....	270.84
1953 School Judgment Penalty . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	38,125.00	.....	38,125.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Library—Salary Librarians	.....	8,531.25	.....	.....	.....	9,531.25	9,531.25	.....	.....	.....
Janitors . . . . .	.....	30,304.00	.....	237.63	.....	30,541.68	29,872.74	668.94	.....	.....
Expenses . . . . .	.....	3,548.08	.....	58.20	.....	3,606.28	3,504.14	102.14	.....	.....
New Library . . . . .	.....	13,050.00	500.00	.....	.....	13,550.00	13,549.74	.26	.....	.....
Furniture & Equipmt. . .	34,211.92 7,261.16	.....	.....	.....	.....	34,211.92 7,261.16	2,549.90 4,564.85	.....	31,662.02 2,696.31	.....
RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED										
Parks & Playgrounds—	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salary Supt. . . . .	.....	3,500.00	.....	46.60	.....	3,546.60	3,546.60	.....	.....	.....
Secy. . . . .	.....	300.00	.....	.....	.....	300.00	300.00	.....	.....	.....
Labor . . . . .	.....	3,000.00	.....	.....	.....	3,000.00	2,998.13	1.87	.....	.....

Expense	1,600.00	.....	.....	.....	1,600.00	1,580.55	19.45	.....	.....
Materials—Supplies—									
Repairs	4,000.00	.....	.....	.....	4,000.00	3,984.88	15.12	.....	.....
4 Chair Type Swings	241.00	.....	.....	.....	241.00	241.00	.....	.....	.....
4 Short Slides	498.10	.....	.....	.....	498.10	498.10	.....	.....	.....
3 Wire Tennis Nets and Posts	244.00	.....	.....	.....	244.00	244.00	.....	.....	.....
1 Giant Stride	96.90	.....	.....	.....	96.90	96.90	.....	.....	.....
1 Merry-Go-Round	153.00	.....	.....	.....	153.00	151.51	1.49	.....	.....
1 Jungle Gym	180.00	.....	.....	.....	180.00	180.00	.....	.....	.....
1 Gravely Mower	430.00	.....	.....	.....	430.00	430.00	.....	.....	.....
Swimming—									
Salary Caretaker	125.00	.....	.....	.....	125.00	125.00	.....	.....	.....
New Boat .....	.....	.....	.....	100.00	100.00	100.00	.....	.....	.....
Land Taking Wash. St. Plot 49	1,500.00	.....	.....	.....	1,500.00	.....	.....	.....	1,500.00
Land Taking Wash St. Plan 1045	1,500.00	.....	.....	.....	1,500.00	1,500.00	.....	.....	.....
Hollis Field New Stadium Organized Play—	.....	82.76	.....	.....	82.76	.....	82.76	.....	.....
Salary Supt.	600.00	.....	.....	.....	600.00	600.00	.....	.....	.....
Parks & Playgrounds—									
New Constr.	5,300.00	.....	.....	.....	8,574.19	6,544.77	.....	2,329.42	.....
Organized Play—									
Salary Instr.	5,267.00	.....	.....	.....	5,267.00	5,104.50	162.50	.....	.....
Expenses	1,500.00	.....	.....	.....	1,500.00	1,498.57	1.43	.....	.....
Swimming—									
Salary Lifeguards	2,944.00	.....	.....	.....	2,944.00	2,944.00	.....	.....	.....
Matron	350.00	.....	.....	.....	350.00	350.00	.....	.....	.....
Expenses	495.00	.....	.....	.....	583.90	562.70	21.20	.....	.....
So. Shore Mosquito Control General Gov't. Incidentals	5,800.00	.....	.....	.....	5,800.00	5,800.00	.....	.....	.....
	1,350.00	.....	.....	303.60	1,957.16	1,848.67	.....	.....	108.49
Insurance—									
Auto, Fire & Theft	300.00	.....	.....	.....	300.00	285.34	14.66	.....	.....
Employees Compensations Bldgs. & Contents	10,789.91	.....	.....	.....	10,789.91	10,789.91	.....	.....	.....
Auto Liability	9,900.00	.....	.....	.....	9,900.00	8,382.27	1,517.73	.....	.....
Boiler	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....	2,000.00	1,864.19	135.81	.....	.....
Photo Equipment	2,400.00	.....	.....	.....	2,400.00	2,224.07	175.93	.....	.....
Town Reports	18.75	.....	.....	.....	18.75	18.75	.....	.....	.....
V.F.W. Rental of Hall....	1,407.39	.....	.....	.....	1,407.39	1,407.39	.....	.....	.....
Maint. of Legion Bldg....	960.00	.....	.....	.....	960.00	960.00	.....	.....	.....
	1,200.00	.....	.....	.....	1,200.00	1,200.00	.....	.....	.....

	Balance Jan. 1, '54	Appropriations	Receipts	Transfers	Refunds	Total	Expended	Closed to Revenue Etc.	Balance 12/31/54	Transfers Out
Maint. of Legion Bldg. 1953	113.26	.....	.....	.....	.....	113.26	113.26	.....	.....	.....
Bat. C, 126th AAA										
National Guard .....	.....	450.00	.....	.....	.....	450.00	450.00	.....	.....	.....
Memorial Day .....	.....	600.00	.....	.....	.....	600.00	598.75	1.25	.....	.....
Reserve Fund .....	.....	25,000.00	.....	.....	.....	25,000.00	21,932.54	.....	.....	3,017.46
Unpaid Bills prior to										
Jan. 1, 1954 .....	.....	590.55	.....	.....	.....	590.55	590.55	.....	.....	.....
Town Forest .....	.....	350.00	.....	.....	.....	350.00	350.00	.....	.....	.....
Street Lighting .....	.....	13,800.00	.....	.....	.....	13,800.00	13,060.00	740.00	.....	.....
Parking Meter Receipts...	5,331.73	.....	9,017.37	.....	.....	14,349.10	5,700.00	.....	8,649.10	.....
Industrial Commission ..	.....	100.00	.....	.....	.....	100.00	38.00	62.00	.....	.....
1954 Hurricane Edna .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,696.38	.....	1,696.38 Dr.	.....
1954 Hurricane Carol .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51,948.63	.....	51,948.63 Dr.	.....
Non-Contributory Pension										
- Aldo C. Chiesa .....	.....	.....	.....	625.63	.....	625.63	.....	.....	625.63	.....
ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERIES										
Water Dept. Rec. Reser.										
for Appr.	23,903.17	.....	.....	261,661.64	.....	285,564.81	258,793.60	.....	26,671.21	.....
Commissioner Salaries ..	.....	300.00	.....	.....	.....	300.00	300.00	.....	.....	.....
Salary Supt. ....	.....	6,500.00	.....	.....	.....	6,500.00	6,500.00	.....	.....	.....
Clerks .....	.....	10,200.00	.....	106.47	.....	10,306.47	10,306.47	.....	.....	.....
Debt and Interest .....	.....	16,972.50	.....	.....	.....	16,972.50	16,972.50	.....	.....	.....
In & Out of State Travel	.....	100.00	.....	.....	.....	100.00	100.00	.....	.....	.....
Other Exp. & Wages ...	.....	217,100.00	.....	.....	54.71	217,895.27	192,809.05	.....	.....	25,086.22
New Standpipe	21,633.15	.....	45,000.00	2,152.68	.....	68,785.83	59,493.50	.....	9,292.33	.....
Chlorination Sunset Lake .	.....	1,900.00	.....	.....	.....	1,900.00	1,481.60	418.40	.....	.....
Electric Light Dept.—										
Maint.	75,175.48	.....	901,060.29	1,297.42	.....	977,533.19	899,906.74	.....	73,354.17	2,974.86
Depreciation Fund ...	229,693.95	.....	141,899.88	.....	.....	371,593.83	66,458.46	.....	305,135.37	.....
Construction Account ...	71,420.10	.....	.....	2,250.45	.....	73,670.55	71,186.42	.....	2,484.13	.....
New Plant	111,287.90	.....	.....	.....	.....	111,287.90	85,115.83	.....	26,172.07	.....
1954 Hurricane Carol .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40,000.00	.....	40,000.00 Dr.	.....
1954 Hurricane Edna .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,560.61	.....	8,560.61 Dr.	.....
Hydrant Service .....	.....	14,750.00	.....	.....	.....	14,750.00	14,750.00	.....	.....	.....
Civilian Defense .....	.....	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....	2,000.00	1,419.29	.....	580.71	.....
Admr. Expense	865.08	.....	.....	.....	.....	866.08	852.72	.....	13.36	.....
Fire Dept.	62.85	.....	.....	.....	.....	62.85	62.54	.31	.....	.....
Radiological Dept.	200.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	200.00	.....	.....	200.00	.....

Communication	293.70	.....	.....	.....	293.70	.....	.....	.....	.....
Police Dept.	238.94	.....	.....	.....	238.94	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cemeteries—Supt. Salary..	.....	460.00	.....	.....	460.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Plain St. Expense .....	.....	1,500.00	.....	.....	1,499.19	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dyer Hill Cemetery . .	.....	.....	100.00	.....	100.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salary Survey Committee .	5,994.00	.....	.....	.....	5,994.00	.....	1,538.87	.....	.....
Adjustment Personal Bd.	.....	12,490.78	.....	.....	12,490.78	.....	3,596.23	.....	.....
INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT									
Interest—All Debts .....	.....	76,885.00	.....	1,887.64	103,407.64	24,635.00	100,848.13	.....	.....
Maturing Debt .....	.....	241,000.00	.....	.....	326,000.00	85,000.00	326,000.00	.....	.....
Premiums .....	.....	.....	169.20	529.43	698.68	.....	698.68	.....	.....
Accrued Interest .....	.....	.....	333.11	.....	333.11	.....	333.11	.....	.....
AGENCY AND TRUSTS									
Charles H. Thayer	21,013.19	.....	695.89	.....	21,709.08	.....	.....	21,709.08	.....
Ann M. Penniman	507.80	.....	.....	.....	507.80	.....	.51	507.29	.....
George W. Kelly	212.18	.....	.14	.....	212.32	.....	.....	212.32	.....
Charles E. French	2,502.24	.....	21.91	.....	2,524.15	.....	.....	2,524.15	.....
Nathaniel H. Hunt	24,376.99	.....	.....	.....	24,376.99	.....	.....	24,376.99	.....
Hannah R. Hollis	115.90	.....	3.34	.....	119.24	.....	.....	119.24	.....
Stabilization Fund	1,113.90	.....	32.24	.....	1,146.14	.....	.....	1,146.14	.....
Julia A. Minchin	124.24	.....	3.59	.....	127.83	.....	.....	127.83	.....
Minerva Martin	308.30	.....	8.91	.....	317.21	.....	.....	317.21	.....
Library Foundation Fund	11,020.91	.....	2,509.33	.....	13,530.24	.....	.....	13,530.24	.....
Caleb Stetson Library	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fund	2,500.00	.....	.....	.....	2,500.00	.....	.....	2,500.00	.....
Rachel R. Thayer Library	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fund	172.50	.....	.....	.....	172.50	.....	.....	172.50	.....
Avis A. Thayer Fund...	510.98	.....	17.77	.....	528.75	.....	.....	528.75	.....
Joseph S. Miller Fund...	153.64	.....	4.43	.....	158.07	.....	.....	158.07	.....
Charles D. Hill Fund...	124.25	.....	3.59	.....	127.84	.....	.....	127.84	.....
James W. Colbert	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
School Fund	32,606.68	.....	940.92	.....	33,547.60	.....	.....	33,547.60	.....
James W. Colbert	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Library Fund	47,617.01	.....	1,425.51	.....	49,042.52	.....	.....	49,042.52	.....
Henry H. Musick Fund...	307.09	.....	8.89	.....	315.98	.....	.....	315.98	.....
State Tax Assessments									
1953 County Tax	5.97	.....	.....	.....	5.97	.....	.....	.....	5.97
Norfolk County Hospital	3,277.86	.....	.....	.....	3,277.86	.....	.....	.....	3,277.86
Metro. Parks 1949	2.57	.....	.....	.....	2.57	.....	.....	.....	2.57

	Balance Jan. 1, '54	Appropria- tions	Receipts	Transfers	Refunds	Total	Expended	Closed to Revenue Etc.	Balance 12/31/54	Transfers Out
Boston Arena Authority.	3,184.35	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,184.35	.....	.....	.....	3,184.35
Smoke Inspection Service	135.09	.....	.....	.....	.....	135.09	.....	.....	.....	135.09
Metro. Sewer So. System	3,344.04	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,344.04	.....	.....	.....	3,344.04
Metro. Parks	1,154.13	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,154.13	.....	.....	.....	1,154.13
Charles Riv. Basin Loan	9.64	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.64	.....	.....	.....	9.64
Metro. Park Loan	63.54	.....	.....	.....	.....	63.54	.....	.....	.....	63.54
Metro. Park S. 2 Bonds	60.82	.....	.....	.....	.....	60.82	.....	.....	.....	60.82
1954 Norfolk County Hosp.	.....	.....	.....	44,161.57	.....	44,161.57	43,525.56	.....	636.01	.....
State Audit .....	.....	.....	.....	2,518.33	.....	2,518.33	2,518.33	.....	.....	.....
Retirement System Audit	.....	.....	.....	131.82	.....	131.82	131.82	.....	.....	.....
Gypsy & Brown Tail	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Moths .....	.....	.....	.....	10,656.14	.....	10,656.14	4,680.66	.....	5,975.48	.....
Smoke Inspection Service	.....	.....	.....	578.71	.....	578.71	499.60	.....	79.11	.....
Metro. Parks .....	.....	.....	.....	27,779.86	.....	27,779.86	27,327.30	.....	452.56	.....
Metro. Sewerage .....	.....	.....	.....	40,836.99	.....	40,836.99	36,306.95	.....	4,530.04	.....
County Tax .....	.....	.....	.....	61,670.74	.....	61,670.74	52,892.49	.....	8,778.25	.....

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. MAGLATHLIN,
Town Accountant.

Balance Sheet December 31, 1954

Assets

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County Aid to Highways	3,633.44	
State Aid to Highways	7,264.58	
		10,898.02
Water Dept. Liens 1954	591.10	
Water Dept. Rates & Services	28,454.83	
Water Dept. Petty Cash	200.00	
		29,245.93
Electric Light Dept. Light Power	97,238.15	
Electric Light Dept. Petty Cash	200.00	
		97,438.15
Electric Light Dept. Hurricane Carol	40,000.00	
Electric Light Dept. Hurricane Edna	8,560.61	
		48,560.61
Tax Collector Petty Cash		400.00
Hurricane Edna	1,696.38	
Hurricane Carol	51,948.63	
		53,645.01
Other Miscellaneous Items:		
Loans Authorized		2,000.00
		<u>\$1,667,364.96</u>

Liabilities & Reserves

Overlay 1950	\$	250.00
Overlay 1954		47,228.55
Defense Bonds		1,237.91
Withholding Tax		21,927.04
Overlay Reserve		5,055.46
Sewer Receipts Reserved for Appropriation		82,018.69
Dog Licenses		40.80
Suspense Account		312.32
Water Dept. Available Surplus		26,671.21
Electric Light Dept. Maintenance		73,354.17
Electric Light Dept. Construction Account ..		2,484.13
Electric Light Dept. Depreciation		305,135.37
Electric Light Dept. New Plant		26,172.07
Federal Grants:		
Old Age Assistance	\$	31,997.85
Old Age Assistance Admr.		10,759.48
		42,757.33
Federal Grant Dis. Assistance		3,758.32
Federal Grant Dis. Admr.		959.10
		4,717.42
A. D. C. "118"		5,454.82
A. D. C. "118" Admr.		1,903.04
		7,357.86
Sale of Cemetery Lots		105.00
Parks & Playgrounds Reserve		500.00
Excess and Deficiency		283,268.25
Unissued Bonds		2,000.00
Mary White Estate		10,665.50
Police Dept. Insurance Claim Reserve ...		525.00
Premium on Bonds		434.00
Union Dues		48.00

Unexpended Appropriation Balances:

Accountant's Expense	45.00
1955 State Census	1,800.00
Treasurer's X-Clerical Parking Meters ...	168.50
Assessors' Witness Fees	1,050.00
Settlement of Claims	165.65
Town Counsel Out of State Travel	100.00
Town Counsel Witness Fees	200.05
Planning Board	376.01
Police Dept. Ambulance Reserve	4,884.87
Fire Dept. Sewer E. Bra. Station ...	150.00
Health Expense	375.58

Sewer Dept.:

New Equipment Common Street	544.33
Pumping Site Purchase	475.00
1954 New Construction	12,361.38

Highway:

Widening Bridge Jefferson Street	16,720.48
Dutch Elm Disease	6,250.02
1954 New Construction	17,326.92
1953 New Construction ..	2,264.48
1952 New Construction	2,637.44
1948 New Construction	1,810.82
1951 New Construction	2,161.19
1954 Azel Road	67.64
1954 Marshfield Road	185.97
1954 Home Park Road	1,125.92
1954 Walnut Street Extension	3,506.75
1954 Hunt Avenue Sidewalk	764.00

Welfare, O. A. A., T. A., A. D. C.....	3,820.47
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Veterans' Benefits	500.00
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School Dept. Hollis Addition	732.23
U. S. Grant Public Law 874	15,330.97
Study Committee .	1,875.00
Athletic Fund	632.40
Land Plot 1 Plan 1098 (Diegaetano)	3,050.00
High School Lunch Program	1,836.99
Elementary School Lunch Program	3,435.14
Hollis School Addition	116,905.60
New Lakeside School ...	361.90
Land Plot 2 Plan 1098 (McSharry)	1,875.00
Land Plot 1 Plan 1087 (Moreland Trust) ..	325.00
New School Flye Site	2,578.47
Driveway Link Fence Torrey	784.95
Plans Specs. New Jr. High	48,400.00
Plans Specs. Perkins Area	144.36
Perkins Area Elementary	61,054.53
New Library	31,662.02
New Library Furniture & Equipment	2,696.31
New Stadium Hollis Field	82.76

Parks & Playgrounds New Constr.	2,329.42
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Parking Meter Receipts	8,649.10
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Non-Contributory Pension Aldo C. Chiesa..	625.63
Water Dept. New Standpipe	9,292.33
Civilian Defense	580.71
Admr. Expense	13.36
Radiological Dept.	200.00
Salary Survey Committee	1,538.87
Norfolk County Hospital	636.01
1954 Gypsy and Brown Moth	5,975.48
1954 Smoke Inspection Service	79.11
1954 Metro. Parks	452.56
1954 Metro. Sewerage	4,530.04

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Revenue	38,086.02
Special Assessment Revenue	67,017.52
Tax Title Revenue	40,948.85
Departmental Revenue	16,925.69
State & County Aid to Highways	10,898.02
Water Dept. Revenue	29,045.93
Water Dept. Petty Cash	200.00
Electric Light Revenue	97,238.15
Electric Light Petty Cash	200.00
O. A. Assistance Recovery	2,855.28
Collector Petty Cash Advance	400.00

\$1,667,364.96

DEFERRED REVENUE ACCOUNTS

Apportioned Assessment Not Due:

Apportioned Sewer	\$ 140,142.16
Apportioned House Connections	70,785.00
Apportioned Streets	8,703.50
Apportioned Sidewalks	1,320.00
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	\$ 220,950.66
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Apportioned Sewer Assessments Revenue:

Due in 1955	\$ 23,652.68
Due in 1956	23,543.68
Due in 1957	22,809.74
Due in 1958	20,209.48
Due in 1959	16,316.56
Due in 1960	12,634.02
Due in 1961	9,238.00
Due in 1962	6,797.00
Due in 1963	4,941.00
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	140,142.16

Apportioned Sewer House Connections Revenue:

Due in 1955	11,460.00
Due in 1956	11,135.00
Due in 1957	10,626.00
Due in 1958	9,914.00
Due in 1959	8,621.00

Due in 1960	7,246.00	
Due in 1961	5,744.00	
Due in 1962	3,940.00	
Due in 1963	2,099.00	
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Apportioned Streets Revenue:		
Due in 1955	1,551.00	
Due in 1956	1,536.00	
Due in 1957	1,434.50	
Due in 1958	1,124.00	
Due in 1959	815.00	
Due in 1960	810.00	
Due in 1961	595.00	
Due in 1962	515.00	
Due in 1963	323.00	
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Apportioned Sidewalks Revenue:		
Due in 1955	204.00	
Due in 1956	194.00	
Due in 1957	194.00	
Due in 1958	194.00	
Due in 1959	154.00	
Due in 1960	116.00	
Due in 1961	101.00	
Due in 1962	101.00	
Due in 1963	62.00	
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		\$ 220,950.66
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DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded and Fixed Debt		\$5,198,500.00
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Sewerage	\$ 388,000.00	
Water Dept. Improving Station	84,000.00	
Water Dept. Booster Station, Etc.	21,000.00	
Water Dept. New Standpipe	45,000.00	
Hollis School Addition	670,000.00	
High School Addition	564,000.00	
New Grade School E. Braintree	530,000.00	
High School Remodelling	64,000.00	
New Highway Garage	25,000.00	
Electric Light Dept. New Plant	1,260,000.00	
New School Lakeside—Flye Site	1,206,000.00	
Monatiquot & Penniman		
New Library	180,000.00	
Perkins School Area	161,500.00	
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TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds:		
Cash & Sec. in Custody of Town Treasurer		\$ 150,963.75
		<u>\$ 150,963.75</u>
In Custody of Town Treasurer:		
Charles H. Thayer Fund	\$ 21,709.08	
Ann M. Penniman Fund	507.29	
George W. Kelley Cemetery Fund	212.32	
Charles E. French Fund	2,524.15	
Nathaniel H. Hunt Fund	24,376.99	
Hannah R. Hollis Fund	119.24	
Julia A. Minchin Fund	127.83	
Library Foundation Fund	13,530.24	
Caleb Stetson Library Fund	2,500.00	
Rachel R. Thayer Library Fund	172.50	
Avis A. Thayer Fund	528.75	
Joseph S. Miller Fund	158.07	
Stabilization Fund	1,146.14	
Henry H. Musick Fund	315.98	
Charles C. Hill Cemetery Fund	127.84	
James W. Colbert School Fund	33,547.60	
James W. Colbert Library Fund	49,042.52	
Minerva Martin Fund	317.21	
		<u>150,963.75</u>
		<u>\$ 150,963.75</u>

RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Cash and Securities		\$ 491,948.49
		<u>\$ 491,948.49</u>
Annuity Savings Fund	\$ 357,594.05	
Pension Accumulation Fund	82,338.63	
Annuity Reserve Fund	37,515.63	
Expense Fund	426.75	
Income Fund	10,877.08	
Annuity Savings Military Service	3,196.35	
		<u>\$ 491,948.49</u>
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Respectfully submitted,
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Town Accountant.

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